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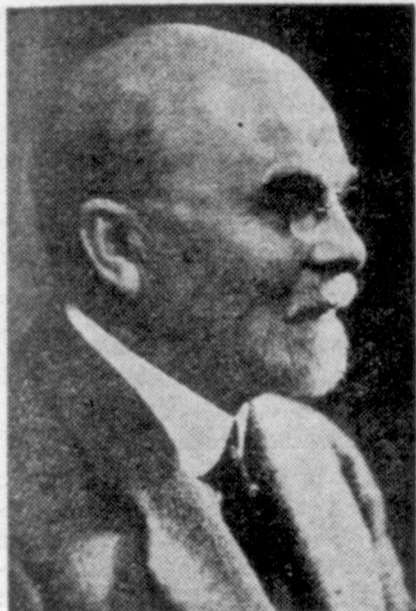
“THY KINGDOM COME”

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Baptist World Alliance Committee Makes Declaration



DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE
President, Baptist World Alliance
By Louie D. Newton
Associate Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance met at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Thursday,

May 27, with President J. H. Rushbrooke in the chair, and with representatives present from Europe, Asia and America.

A committee was appointed on the time and place for the next Congress, and to provide for such regional conferences as world conditions may permit; and a committee was appointed to coordinate the relief work of the Baptists of the world in meeting the serious plight of our brethren in war-torn lands, and later to coordinate the post-war work of the constituent Baptist bodies of the world.

An invitation was received at the Atlanta Congress from the Baptists of India for the 1944 meeting to be held in Rangoon. The president of the Baptist Union of India, Burma and Ceylon was at Chicago to urge acceptance of this invitation. It is not at all likely that a meeting can be held in 1944. The special committee on time and place will make its report to the administrative committee as soon as world conditions justify the calling of the seventh Congress.

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The 1936 Government Census Untrustworthy

By E. P. Alldredge, M.A., D.D.,
Secretary Survey, Statistics and
Information, Baptist Sunday School
Board, Nashville Tennessee

Dear Doctor Goodrich:

In reply to your recent letter, enclosing an article from a Lutheran paper, dealing with the statistics of all the main denominations, and quoting from the government's 1936 Census of Religious Bodies, may I explain to you and your people that this particular government Census of Religious Bodies is not only incorrect, but grossly misrepresents not only Southern Baptists but all the other main denominations in the United States, except Roman Catholics and Lutherans, and some of the very small sects.

It is the first time in the history of this nation, so far as I know, that government statistics have been published as containing the full reports of the main denominations, when the Bureau of the Census knew that most of these reports were not complete, that they were giving out only partial reports.

Due to my repeated protests, the Bureau of the Census placed a notation on page 114 of Volume II Part I, confessing that Southern Baptist reports were incomplete. But, in case of the other denominations, they did not make even this examination, but



DR. E. P. ALLDREDGE

went ahead and published statistics which misrepresent every main denomination in America except those mentioned above.

I have written scores of letters and
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GOOD NEWS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS Receipts Gain Over Twelve Thousand Dollars For May

Mississippi Baptists continue to show their loyalty and love to the Great Commission by faithfulness in contributions.

Contributions for May 1943 exceeded those of May 1942 by \$12,601.81.

The bookkeeper's report follows:

	Cooperative Program	Miscell.	Now Club & 5M Club	TOTALS
May 1943	\$18,316.21	\$18,881.10	\$8,693.37	\$45,890.68
May 1942	11,008.50	14,101.31	8,179.06	33,288.87
Gain during May	\$ 7,307.71	\$ 4,779.79	\$ 514.31	\$12,601.81

Dr. Hill Gives Highlights Of Southern Baptist Convention Year

By Dr. John L. Hill

Contrary to rather general opinion there is no Southern Baptist Church. There are, however, 25,737 Southern Baptist Churches. Each one of these churches is a self-governing, autonomous body over which no outside organization exercises any control. Many of our friends find it exceedingly difficult to believe, but those of us who have worked with Baptist churches know that the statement is absolutely true.

These churches carry on their co-operative and organized work through the Southern Baptist Convention and the agencies set up by the Convention. This Convention was organized in 1845 and met every two years until 1863. Because of war conditions in the South the next session of the Convention was held in 1866. Since that time the Convention has met every year until this year. . . . The churches voluntarily support the program outlined by the Convention, and the results obtained are an amazing illustration of the efficiency



DR. JOHN L. HILL
Book Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board
of a modern democracy. . . .
Foreign Mission Board

This Board with headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, is rejoicing over the fact that its entire indebtedness
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Dr. White Accepts Position With Sunday School Board

In the Board meeting May 13, Executive Secretary T. L. Holcomb presented the name of Dr. W. R. White, now president of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. Hight C. Moore, giving the following statement as to his qualifications for this important ministry:

No man in the ranks of Southern Baptists has a more intimate or sympathetic knowledge of Baptist opportunities and achievements than Dr. W. R. White. He grew up in the country and is acquainted with every phase of rural life. He is the friend of country churches and preachers, and is beloved by them. He is likewise acquainted with all the problems and possibilities of the growing cities in our territory. He began his ministry as pastor of rural and village churches. He has rendered glorious service as the spiritual leader of great city churches, his last pastorate before accepting the presidency of Hardin-Simmons University being the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, the second largest church in membership of any church in Southern Baptist fellowship.

He represents the highest attainment in true Christian culture. His academic training was received in Rush Academy, Howard Payne Col-
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CIRCULATION THIS WEEK, 33,005 — — A Gain Of 869 For The Week

Sparks & Splinters

Friends all over the south are expressing sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Dobbins of the Louisville Seminary over the loss of their second son within a year's time. Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Jr., a physician of Cumberland, Ky., recently passed away suddenly about one year after his brother Riley died. The young doctor was born in Hattiesburg, Miss. Relatives of the family reside at Starkville and other places in Mississippi.

Miss Jennie Hill, Sumter, S. C., was elected president of the Modenians at Blue Mountain College, for next session. Other officers are: Misses Billie Hicks, Sledge, vice president; Margaret Hennessee, Florence, Ala., secretary; Elizabeth Ann Maxwell, Booneville, treasurer; Mary Tom Berry, Utica, athletic director.

From J. Hardee Kennedy, pastor at New Zion church in Walthall county, has come a good list of subscribers on the official family plan of The Baptist Record. Pastor Kennedy has just recently moved on the field, having come from New Orleans, where he was attending B. B. I.

Bethel church in Grenada county has sent in a list of every family to receive The Baptist Record. Pastor John A. Wade wrote not a single person hesitated when the matter was considered at the morning service, and before the evening service all the others had lined up.

Dr. George Arthur Clarke is the author of a helpful book of sermons entitled "The Purpose and the Hour." The author is the pastor of First Baptist Church, Malden, Massachusetts. Concerning the book President Herrick of Andover Newton Theological School says: "From an inexhaustible source Dr. Clarke has brought vital words which make the last week at Jerusalem seem like this week. With his insight and power he makes the Master walk in our midst, confront once more in the temple and mart His enemies, and go to the cross." The price is \$1.50. The publisher is Fleming H. Revell Company.

During the time Dr. W. E. Denham has been acting pastor of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., the work has shown excellent growth. Numbers of additions have marked the effectiveness of the preaching done, while healthy financial conditions attest the business-like administration of this outstanding minister. On Easter Sunday there were 26 additions at the regular services. Dr. Dr. Frank Tripp, pastor, who has been away on leave of absence will probably soon return to the work. Some good church in Mississippi should seek to secure Dr. Denham as pastor. In the meantime he is available for revivals, Bible conferences and other special work. He may be reached at Montgomery, Ala., care First Baptist Church.

Toledo, Ohio (RNS)—Attacks on the Roman Catholic Church by "certain" magazines in America and by anti-religious elements in Europe were jointly condemned in resolutions adopted here by the 33rd annual convention of the Catholic Press Association, attended by five members of the American hierarchy and more than a hundred Catholic editors from all parts of the United States.

Miss Elsie D. McLaughlin of Petal and Rev. William Edward Hellen of Bogalusa, La., were married recently at Petal Baptist Church, with Rev. A. C. Parker officiating. Nuptial music was provided by Miss Gwendolyn Steadman and Miss Elizabeth Rischer. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lucille McLaughlin of Washington, D. C. Dr. Howard Courtney, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bogalusa, was best man, and Pat Rogers and T. L. Clark were ushers. The couple will live at Bogalusa where Rev. Hellen is pastor of Superior Avenue Baptist Church.

Okolona Baptists are progressing in their work, and are holding the standard of excellence for their Sunday school.

Under the capable leadership of the enlistment pastor, J. B. Ray, Chickasaw pastors met in Houston and perfected plans for an organization to be known as the Baptist Workers' Council of Chickasaw county. It is hoped that out of this program of united Kingdom work Baptist churches of the Association shall be better acquainted and more thoroughly enlisted in the work. Rev. W. C. Stewart was elected to serve as chairman at the first Association meeting to be held on June 21 at 8:30 at the Houston Baptist Church.

In another column of The Baptist Record the Honor Roll of churches and individuals is printed. It is interesting to note the additions of new names of people and churches from week to week.

Carmen Sharp, student of the Southern Seminary at Louisville will be with Pastor L. F. Haire and the Baptist people at Bruce in a revival meeting beginning the first Sunday in August.

Enlistment Pastor J. B. Ray, located at Tupelo, continues to add fuel to the flames. The latest fuel is a list of ten subscriptions from Harrisburg church, Tupelo, which he tells us was secured by Mrs. Luther Moore of the B. A. U.

"V for Victory" is the title of a very good book of sermons by Dr. Herbert Lockyer, editor-in-chief, The Christian Reader's Digest. One reader says, "These eleven appealing articles will prove a means of blessing and encouragement to the defeated Christian. How blessed to realize that we can become victors—in Christ. Dr. Lockyer is one who is always inspiring. God has blessed his rich ministry of pen and word. He is at his best in his presentation of these helpful and timely notes of victory." Chapter topics: Victory Over Satan; Victory Over Sin; Victory Over Temptation; Victory Over Monotony; Victory Over Tears; Victory Over Worry; Victory Over Despair; Victory Over Loneliness; Victory Over Dictatorship; Victory Over War; Victory Over Faithless Stewardship. The price is \$1.00 and the publisher is Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

During the existence of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board there have been four editorial secretaries. The first was Dr. Samuel Boykin, who served eight years, 1891-1899. The next was Dr. I. J. Van Ness who served from 1900-1917, a period of 17 years. He was followed by Dr. E. C. Dargan, whose term lasted ten years, from 1917-1927. Dr. Hight C. Moore has served since 1917 to 1943.

Stockholm (By Wireless, RNS)—Resistance to confiscation of church bells in the Baltic states is revealed in reports reaching church circles here. When German occupation authorities came to expropriate the bells for war purposes they found the chimes had disappeared from a number of churches. At Hapsal, Estonia, two large bells, weighing about three hundred pounds each, were missing when the Germans arrived. A thorough search failed to locate either the bells or the men who had hidden them. It is reported that the entire Baltic area is now without church bells.

Providence, R. I. (RNS)—Relaxation of the Allied blockade "sufficiently to allow food to reach our starving friends" was urged in a resolution adopted at the 118th annual session here of the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention.

"Life's Supreme Decision" is a book of sermons that will be helpful to anybody. It is one of the best that we have seen. The author is Rev. C. E. Matthews, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Evidently his preaching has been effective. When he became pastor of this church in 1922 the membership was 209. In 1940 it was 4610 and is probably more than that now. Some of the topics are: The Strangest Book in the World; Who is First in Your Affections?; The Revival at Nineveh; The New Testament Church in Action; The Sin of Neglect; The Spirit of Thanksgiving; The Strength of Zion; Heaven. The price of the book is \$1.00 and is published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"Practical Proverbs for Everyday Christian Living" is something different, by Dr. C. Gordon Brownville, pastor of Tremont Baptist Church, of Boston. The texts are taken from the Book of Proverbs. There are seven helpful sermons in plain language. It reveals anew and afresh the practicalness for today's living of these proverbs of Solomon. The book is published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and sells for \$1.00.

"Spiritual training is just as essential as military training. A soldier who professes his religious beliefs is a soldier who has strength of character that in time of stress will make him stand up to any trial. Only a weak man is an irreligious man. Strength of mind and body comes as much through spiritual force as from physical force."—An army major.

Richmond, Va. (RNS)—The Richmond District Conference of the Methodist church adopted a resolution here condemning "most severely" the action of the Federal government and the State ABC Board "in granting special privilege to the (United Nations food) conference in obtaining intoxicating liquor."

Next Sunday many one-fourth time and one-half time churches will take their offerings for the B. M. C. endowment.

If your poem does not appear in the Record as soon as you think it should remember that we have on hand enough poems to last for many, many months. Please be patient. If you plan to write a poem don't do it if you can possibly avoid it.

On Thursday night, May 27, the citizens of Taylorsville held a mass meeting to take steps in putting down the liquor evil of that community. There are three places within a mile and a half of town where liquor was sold. The citizens, after prayer, decided to visit the places and ask them to close. From the gathering about 75 people went in cars to visit the places. The mayor and pastors of the town led and did the talking.

They held calm interviews with the proprietors and two said they would not sell any more. The third was to give his answer to the Baptist pastor the next day. After the places were visited the citizens returned to the church for a prayer of thanksgiving.

The Pinola Baptist Church has voted to invest the building funds in war bonds, and the treasurer will purchase \$2,000 worth in a few days. The W. M. U. will also buy bonds with their funds.—Guy A. Little, pastor.

"God's Trombone," seven Negro sermons in verse by James Weldon Johnson and published by the Viking Press, New York, should be interesting to anybody interested in the American Negro preacher.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson in his book, "A Preface to Racial Understanding," has written what we consider one of the best books of its kind that we have read. It is not the usual hatred-stirring kind. He takes the facts and lays them before us. Chapter headings are: The Story of the Negro, The Negro Worker, Social Factors in Negro Life, The Education of the Negro, The Contributions of the Negro to American Civilization, Some Portraits of Negro Americans, The Negro and the Church, and The Conquest of Racial Prejudice. The book is published by the Friendship Press of New York.

Miss Marjorie West, Sardis, was elected president of the Euzelians, at Blue Mountain College for next session. Other officers are: Misses Jean Lowrey, Blue Mountain, vice president; Annie Marie Crane, Pascagoula, secretary and treasurer; Marjorie Donnell, Blue Mountain, business manager; Ann Loftin, Red Banks, athletic director; Dorris Cogins, Baldwin, queen; Peggy Patrick, Corinth, program chairman.

Mississippians are prominent in the June issue of the Sunday School Builder. Dean Ernest H. Cox of Blue Mountain College has an article on "What Parents Expect From the Sunday School." And Dr. James A. Stewart, pastor of the church at Clarksdale, has an article on "Books and the Christian Worker."

Our hats are off to Louisiana Baptists. They are out of debt. We also tip our hat to Editor Tinnin of the Louisiana Baptist Message for the interesting 40-page issue celebrating the payment of all Louisiana Baptist debts. Mississippi Baptists also serve warning that they plan to have a celebration edition. We are now progressing in that direction.

Miss Mary Martha Leavell, Nashville, Tenn., has been elected president of the Eunomians at Blue Mountain College for next session. Other officers are: Misses Sally Diaz, Tampa, Fla., vice-president; Mary D. Leavell, Tampa, Fla., program chairman; Ellen Sandifer, New Orleans, La., secretary; Carmen Allen, Indianola, treasurer; Elaine Caldwell, State College, athletic director, and Jean Carnes, Shelby, goddess.

NEWS and VIEWS

By D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer,
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,
Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Evangelism — State, Home, and Foreign Missions — Cooperative Program — Now Club (State Debts) — 100,000 Club (S.B.C. Debts) — Baptist Record — B. T. U. — Sunday School — W. M. U. — Brotherhood — B. S. U. — Retirement Plan — Seminaries — Christian Education — Hospitals — Orphanage — Pastoral Aid — Church Building Aid — Chinese Work — Negro Work — Indian Work — Literature — Enlistment Pastors — Service Men's Department — Historical Society — Wills and Bequests Activities — W. M. U. Training School — Bookkeeping.

IMPORTANT!

As our work has expanded and has become thoroughly departmentized some treasurers and other individuals have started making checks payable to bookkeepers, etc. Checks and money orders should not be made out to an individual as such in this office.

This may seem a small matter but the Convention and Board make the treasurer responsible in these matters, therefore, we feel all checks and money orders should be properly written.

Checks and money orders should be made out to—

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD, or D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, or, Treasurer. Include the title. In the lower left corner designations may be written in as—

Cooperative Program\$5.00

Now Club\$5.00

Minister Retirement\$2.75

Checks for The Baptist Record should be made out to "THE BAPTIST RECORD, BUSINESS MANAGER."

I

It will help in the distribution of mail at these offices if envelopes were addressed as follows:

All correspondence for the Convention Board office proper might be addressed:

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, or Bookkeeping Department, or Now Club Department, or Minister Retirement Department Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi

It would help if Baptist Record letters were addressed to the department for which they are intended as—

THE BAPTIST RECORD,

A. L. Goodrich, Editor, or D. A. McCall, Business Manager, or Circulation Department, or Mailing Department.

The point is that the department, or the head of the department should be named in the address.

So, with the other departments it would be the same.

It would just help the proper person to get the letter immediately.

II

We were watching an aviator folding his parachute. Within a few minutes he was to jump from a plane at high altitude. We saw him carefully spread the parachute, lines and all, upon the ground. Time and again he worked the length of those lines, straightening them, seeing that they were properly paired. Later we saw him leave the plane. His body shot downward. The chute quickly filled with air and he floated gently to earth.

"I am become all things to all men if by any means I might win some." I Cor. 9:22.

Souls and lives are at stake.

We need to watch the lines of our lives, our churches, our denomination!

If we really believed in hell and heaven, life and death, we would do it. Romans 6:23.

III

The wife of a Mississippi Baptist pastor went to the jail to see an attractive (physically) young woman inmate.

"Can't we return you to your mother?"

"I never knew what a mother meant."

"Can't we send you to a relative?"

"No one cares."

"Don't you have a sweetheart, or a friend to whom to turn?"

"You don't seem to understand my case. There is not a person in the world who cares for me."

Jesus is a friend to these nobodies. Read John, chapter 4.

"Nobody told me of Jesus, Nobody told me of Jesus, So many I have met—yet they seemed to forget

To tell me the story of Jesus."

IV

A fine Mississippi Baptist layman told a service club that they knew for twenty years he had given most of his extra time to First Baptist Church.

V

The demon and the demon possessed man (Luke 8) wanted to be "left alone." They wanted no blessings from Jesus.

The usual lost person wants to be left alone.

The drunken man in the snow, freezing to death, wants to be left alone.

The indifferent church member wants to be left alone.

The selfish leader, frozen by selfishness, does not want suggestions or help from church or denomination. He does not want to be bothered.

What shall be our attitude—yours and mine—shall we leave them alone, or, shall we be true to the God imposed trust?

The Pharisees certainly wanted Jesus to leave them alone. They didn't leave Him alone. They killed Him!

"Must Jesus bear the Cross alone, And all the world go free?

No! There's a cross for everyone, And there's a cross for me."

VI

The College Commencement at Ellisville was well attended. A large class graduated. President J. B. Young is a fine and leading Baptist layman. Mississippi seems to excel in this type. Judge John Wm. McCall delivered the address.

Two inspiring services were enjoyed at Purvis. Three additions, two for baptism and one by letter. Several hundred dollars were raised on a building fund. We enjoyed the good fellowship of the Joe Byrd home.

The Commencement at the Orphanage school saw every graduate

contributing a number to the program. We have unsurpassed leadership out there.

The E. C. Williams family let friends share in their joy in their 25th wedding anniversary. Great servants of our Lord.

A large congregation was present at Oakdale Sunday evening.

VII

The Mississippi College Commencement exercises were well attended. Dr. Duke K. McCall brought a splendid sermon, very timely in our day. Dr. James W. Middleton delighted his hearers in his address.

A group of leaders today, and tomorrow, went out in this class of 1943. May heaven's best blessings be upon them and that institution.

VIII

For some years we have felt that an occasional ad carried in The Baptist Record was a bit out of line with the position of The Baptist Record because of some crude or uncouth language included in the ad material.

We are reshaping our advertising policy in that such ads will not be carried in the future. It may take a few weeks to close out ads already arranged for.

IX

Good news comes from New Salem church, Carroll County Association, from Brother John A. Wade as follows: "This is to inform you that the New Salem church, Carroll County Association, voted unanimously the first Sunday in this month (May) to send twenty (20) percent of its monthly offerings to the Cooperative Program. Realizing that every Baptist and every Baptist church should take a definite part in sending the Gospel of our Christ not only to our people in our home community, but to the lost all over our state, nation and to the uttermost parts of the earth, we pledge a part of our offering each month to His work abroad. These offerings will be sent in quarterly by Brother Onnie Carpenter, church treasurer. Please send him any information necessary in regard to making the quarterly reports."

X

God's Settlement

Deut. 5:12

A farmer once wrote to an editor: "Dear Sir: I have been trying an experiment. I have a field of corn which I plowed on Sunday. I planted it on Sunday. I cultivated it on Sunday. I cut and hauled it to the barn on Sunday. And I find that I have more corn to the acre than has been gathered by any of my neighbors this October."

The farmer sent the letter, sure that the editor could have no answer to the sneer implied in it. But imagine his feelings when in the next issue of the paper, he read his own letter in print, and at the end of it this one sentence: "God does not

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

HONESTY • LOYALTY • VICTORY

I

On Tuesday we started writing checks covering the June 1st bond call in the total amount of \$127,500. We will continue writing these checks for some days as the bonds with coupons attached are presented at this office.

As yet we have not borrowed any money.

Treasurers and other individuals having monies for this purpose should send same to this office at once. Your response will have much to do with the amount of money we borrow, if any, in taking care of this call.

Let the NOW CLUB function NOW!

II

One thing some people are apt to overlook. While we have been paying our Mississippi Baptist indebtedness and having a part in retiring S. B. C. debts the saints have continued in the support of the work generally so that the work is greatly enlarged.

A few years ago our State Mission budget stood at \$30,000 plus. Fields were neglected. Much asked-for help from churches had to be turned down. Nothing was being done for some of the races. Through your support State Mission budget this year stands at \$70,000 and the work has advanced along all lines. The Gospel is being taken out to the people.

Some help has also been given the institutions for whom the debt was made.

We paid \$15,000 to Woman's College retiring a note three years ago, and, paid a total of around \$8,000 again.

We paid a \$10,000 note due Blue Mountain College.

We have paid Clarke College around \$8,000 these four years.

We have paid Mississippi College the pitiful sum of \$900.00.

Yet, we have been retiring bonds all the time.

The end of the bond situation is almost in sight. Doxology!

III

Sallis Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. Smith, pastor, and Brother F. Y. Gowan, treasurer, sends in a very nice Now Club offering. Thus the work goes on.

—BR—

Next Sunday many one-fourth time and one-half time churches will take their offerings for the B. M. C. endowment.

make full settlement in October."

—Home Missions.

XI

Incomplete Baptism

"Once I knew a Baptist,
He had a pious look,
He had been totally immersed—
Except his pocketbook.
He put a nickel in the plate,
And then with might and main
He'd sing, 'When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain.'"

—Selected.

—BR—

"To set well and have standing—
don't lie."

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I LOVE MY CHURCH

In a recent meeting attended by
the editor of The Baptist Record the
presiding officer said, "To say, 'I love
my church' is likely to cause criticism
in these days when everybody is talking
union. Maybe I should say, 'I love
the churches.'"

We hope the day never comes when
we can't say, "I love my church." And
I do love my church better than
any other organization. And whether
we agree with the beliefs of others or
not we think they should love THEIR
church. If not, they should get into
one they can love.

Few, if any, would criticize a man
for saying "I love my wife." It is all
right to love all human beings but
we do not have the same kind of love
for all humanity that we do for our
wives. As for us, the expression, "I
love my church" is all right.

I love my church because:

1. Her creed calls for no defense.
The Bible is her guide and man has
not yet produced a creed that compares
with the Bible.

2. Her baptism is accepted by all
denominations. While the form of
baptism used by some has to be defended,
no defense is needed for ours.

3. Her program is designed to reach
to the farthest corner of the earth.
While the name "Missionary Baptist"
was given in derision, yet it describes
my church. Some of us may be weak
in our actions but the word missionary
suits us.

4. I love my church because she accepts
the whole Bible as God's word. It is
God's love letter to lost and sinful
people. It is God's revelation of
Himself to man. Though critics
throughout the centuries have blasted
it with bombs of doubt and heresy
it still stands unharmed and unscarred.

5. I love my church because of her
simplicity. She requires no human
help to get access to God. No overlords
are needed or permitted in her

organization. My church is a church
where everyone is a priest and where
everyone is free to approach God at
any time and any place.

I love MY CHURCH.

WHY THE DISCRIMINATION?

From a radio commentator we have
learned that Georgetown University,
Washington, D. C., is the only school
that trains foreign diplomats. We
understand that this is a Catholic
school. May we ask if there are not
in operation some Protestant schools
that are equally capable of training
foreign diplomats? In other words,
why should Catholic schools have a
monopoly on this important matter?

SOME DO, SOME DON'T

The triennial convention of the
Protestant Episcopal church is to be
held in the Euclid Avenue Baptist
Church, October 2-9, 1943. The dates
were recently advanced one week.

Editor's note: The Southern Baptist
Convention was postponed.

LIQUOR IS RATIONED TO STOP ABUSES

Revelation of widespread irregularities,
coupled with a meager supply of
liquor, has brought about a plan to
ration retail sales in Ohio's system
of state liquor stores. The sign-up for
ration books begins this week and the
plan goes into effect about June 1. Back-door
sales, purchase by "stooges" for permit
holders, purchases in several stores by
the same individuals, and use of fictitious
names and addresses have been common
abuses. Long lines have formed daily in
front of the liquor stores before opening
hours, in ludicrous contrast to the number
of persons purchasing war stamps and
bonds. Under the rationing plan registrants
will be required to furnish proof of their
places of residence and to confine purchases
to their neighborhood stores. The story of
Ohio's state liquor monopoly system, both
before and since the beginning of the war,
is a sad record of growing consumption
and futile "control," which in practice
amounts to actual promotion of sales.—*Christian Century*.

Editor's Note No. 1: We seem to recall
that the wets claimed that repeal of
prohibition would largely decrease if not
put an end to violations of the law.

Editor's Note No. 2: The above article
states that it is a sad record of growing
consumption. Did not the wets claim that
legalization would decrease consumption?

—BR—

"Annie Mae," said the mistress of the
house, finally giving way to curiosity,
"I notice you've been taking our empty
grapefruit hulls home with you. What on
earth do you do with them?" The negro
maid looked up at her mistress with a
sheepish grin. "Yassum," she admitted.
"I've been taink 'em home. I thinks they
makes my garbage look mo' stylish."

Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our
readers a cross section of Mississippi
Baptist thought.

AWAKE

W. R. Austin, Taylor, Miss.

Eph. 5:14—"Wherefore he saith,
Awake thou that sleepest, and arise
from the dead, and Christ shall give
thee light."

If you should analyze the condition
of the Christian church today you will
find a need for an awakening. . . .

Let us read Judges 6:1—"And the
children of Israel did evil in the sight
of the Lord. And the Lord delivered
them into the hand of Midian seven
years." Carelessness and compromise
on the part of Israel brought judgment.
We know the devil is our adversary
and that he imitates every force for
good. For example, let us read I John
4:1—"Beloved believe not every spirit,
but try the spirits whether they are of
God; because many false prophets are
gone out into the world."

For many years the blessings of
surgery were withheld from many for
lack of an anesthetic. Now we know
that an anesthetic is an agent which
temporarily causes one to have no
sense of feeling. . . . Satan knew that
it would be impossible to get great
numbers of people to look upon evil,
to participate in evil action, or to
allow such action to be carried on in
their communities unless he was able
to furnish them a spiritual anesthetic. . . .

The ultimate decision of Satan for
an anesthetic was what might well be
called "Spirits of Compromise." . . .
Suppose the forces of evil want to
put a liquor store in your community;
you being a Christian would naturally
object. Satan then comes with an
argument like this: "You are behind
the times; you do not wish to be
narrow-minded, do you? Do you know
the evils of bootlegging? Do you know
that a great number of communities
have already put in similar stores?"
The evil one can very truthfully
point out some of the evils of
bootlegging, give the advantage of tax
for internal improvements; avoiding
the expense to get this tax, the evils
of legal whiskey, or the human suffering
involved.

When Christians begin to partake
of the devil's "Spirits of Compromise,"
instead of becoming broad-minded,
as you have been led to expect, you
become narrow-minded and without
any sense of feeling for the sin that
is about you or the human suffering
you are bound to behold. Believing
you are actually growing broad-minded,
instead you are becoming a tool in
the hands of Satan to hinder the
work of God. Can't you see how

this pattern of argument could very
easily be shifted to any of the common
vices we know of—lying, stealing,
cursing and immoral living? Only
recently I was accosted by a brother
who expressed surprise that I was
"so far behind the times" that I still
held to the belief that ministers should
be the husband of only one wife, stating
that quite a few preachers, who were
active, now had two living wives. Although
I cannot vouch for the veracity of his
statement, I'm still looking for the
Scripture which would give a minister
that right.

The Cure

But what cure could be recommended
for a world broken, bruised and torn
with hate, indifference toward the God
who has given it wealth and prosperity?
How did God instruct the Jews to meet
such conditions? To these questions there
seems to be only one reply. The admonition
of the prophet Malachi 3:7—"Even from
the days of your fathers ye are gone
away from mine ordinances, and have
not kept them. Return unto me and I
will return unto you, saith the Lord of
hosts." . . . We have but one option
and this is an awakening (even though
it be rude) and a revival of interest
in God's cause and Kingdom work. A
determination must come to follow the
teachings of the Scriptures in our daily
life, and we must show greater concern,
not only in the salvation of souls, but
in the saving of the lives for Christian
service as well. . . .

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we
consider one of the best editorials
coming to our attention.—Editor.

PROHIBITION KANSAS

(From Watchman-Examiner)

Prohibition Kansas has 54 counties
without a single case of insanity or
feeble-mindedness, 96 counties without
a poorhouse or poorfarm, and 56
counties without a single person in
the penitentiary. Certainly it looks
as though prohibition works in Kansas
in more ways than one. (Reported in
1941.)

(Is there a catch in this report? Is
Kansas shipping its crazy men to wet
states with the understanding that they
are to be elected to the legislature? No
sane man would vote wet in a state with
such a record as Kansas has.—S. P. W.)—*Baptist and Reflector*.

—BR—

The sailor was recounting his experiences
to a dear old lady.

Old lady: "What rank did you hold?"

Sailor: "Ship's optician, lady."

Old lady: "I didn't know there was
such a rank. What did you do?"

Sailor: "I scraped the eyes out of
potatoes."

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



REV. SOLLIE I. SMITH

Stonewall Is Now EVERY FAMILY Pastor Does It

Sollie I. Smith, pastor at Stonewall, started using the EVERY FAMILY Plan when he was a college student. He kept it up during his seminary days and has continued it even unto now. When he went to Stonewall as pastor there were a few local conditions that had to be cleared up but having known Sollie of old we knew that Stonewall would come in. They have. In sending in the EVERY FAMILY list he writes:

To the Members of the Stonewall Baptist Church:

Beginning this month every member of the Stonewall Baptist Church will receive weekly our own state Baptist paper, "The Baptist Record." This paper is being sent to you through the budget of our church. Through this system we receive this valuable paper at a much cheaper rate and at the same time make it possible that all our members can have access to it. This is an outstanding religious paper and will inform and inspire all its readers.

We are indeed fortunate to have Brother A. L. Goodrich as our able, faithful and consecrated editor. I trust that each member of the family will read this paper faithfully and that it shall prove to you the great blessing that I am sure it will. Bad news travels on the wings of a plane while good news often travels on a tortoise back—so, let's put the good news to rolling.

Your pastor,

SOLLIE I. SMITH.

Clarke county Record readers are listed as follows: Crandall 1; DeSoto 1; ENTERPRISE 64; HARMONY 42; PACHUTA 32; QUITMAN 80; SHUBUTA 21; STONEWALL 148; W. Enterprise 1; Rolling Creek 2; Pine Grove 1; PINE HILL 11; CENTER RIDGE 25; SOUENLOVIE 28; UNION CHURCH 20; ELAM 21.

The Baptist Record fever is spreading. Recently a good Baptist woman interested in her church, sent us a

1942 WAS A YEAR OF GAINS FOR BAPTISTS

(Objects in caps show a gain for 1942.)
Summary of Southern Baptists Gains, 1942

Items	1941	1942	Gains & Losses
ASSOCIATIONS	915	918	3
CHURCHES	25,603	25,737	134
Ordained ministers	22,747	21,986	Loss 761
Baptisms in year	209,593	209,127	Loss 466
CHURCH MEMBERS	5,238,132	5,367,129	128,997
SUNDAY SCHOOLS	24,629	24,745	116
S. S. enrollment	3,553,467	3,430,929	Loss 122,538
B. T. U. organizations	54,957	50,726	Loss 4,231
B. T. U. enrollment	954,179	801,567	Loss 152,612
W. M. U. organizations	41,719	40,472	Loss 1,247
W. M. U. enrollment	768,976	748,465	Loss 20,511
W. M. U. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 3,286,252	\$ 3,791,755	\$ 505,503
CHURCH HOUSES	23,648	23,868	220
PASTORS' HOMES	4,349	4,519	170
VALUE CHURCH PROPERTY	\$232,944,315	\$240,131,184	\$7,186,869
GIFTS, LOCAL WORK	\$ 37,035,267	\$ 42,565,890	\$5,530,623
GIFTS, MISSIONS, etc.	\$ 7,822,340	\$ 9,681,772	\$1,859,432
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 44,857,607	\$ 52,247,662	\$7,390,055

—E. P. ALLDREDGE.

BAPTISTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$211.50 TO NARCOTIC EDUCATION

May I through the columns of The Baptist Record express the thanks of the committee on narcotic education to the following churches for their contributions to the work of Miss Ethel McKeithen:

Northside Baptist Jackson, \$7.00; First church Meridian, \$6.00; First church McComb, \$25.00; Steen's Creek Florence, \$10.00; Stonewall, \$15.00; Quitman, \$20.00; Meridian City W. M. U., \$12.00; Collins, \$4.00; Hazlehurst Union Service, \$12.50; First church, Laurel, \$70.00; Poplar Springs, Meridian, \$25.00; Clear Branch, \$5.00. Total, \$211.50.

Receipts total to date:

Baptists	\$211.50
Presbyterians	41.50
Church of God	5.00
Union meetings	13.00
Methodists	304.23

\$575.29

We need \$250.00 to complete the year's expenses to July 1st. May we count on a liberal response from Mississippi Baptists? Miss McKeithen is a Baptist and has for the past several weeks devoted most of her time to teaching courses for Baptist churches. Ten dollars constitutes a

list of 36 subscriptions for which she is paying, probably because she knows that informed Baptists are better Baptists.

Former Mississippi Pastor Testifies

The experience of Lawrence B. Cobb, Southside church, Oklahoma City, former pastor at Union, Miss., as recounted in a recent letter, shows that the EVERY FAMILY Plan is as effective in Oklahoma as it is in Mississippi. We quote from his letter: "The people at Southside responded enthusiastically to placing the Baptist Messenger in the budget, as they generally do when it is properly presented. . . . Contributions to outside causes during January were close to the total for the last three months in 1942, which in turn, was as much as the nine preceding months. . . . Increased interest along other lines makes us hopeful for the future. We are happy to note that Union is reaching new records under their capable pastor, Chester M. Savage. . . . We shall always be glad we were permitted to labor for a time in Mississippi and know the superb leadership of the Mississippi Convention, and to feel the inspiration you and others afforded us while there."

ALUMNAE MEET

Blue Mountain—The principal speaker for the National Alumnae Association meeting of Blue Mountain College was Perrin Holmes Lowrey, who was for several years a member of the college faculty. Reunions of the classes of 1893, 1903 and 1938 were held during the meeting of the association and the luncheon was given in their honor. David E. Guyton, professor of history, one of the few men to graduate from the college, is a member of the class of 1903.

Miss Lucy Carlton Wilds, chairman of the arrangement committee, announced that the business session began at 10:00 a. m., with Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, presiding over the Senior Alumnae and Miss Frances Fraser, Nashville, presiding over the Junior Alumnae.

At 2:30 in the afternoon the open meeting of the association convened. Mrs. G. T. Callicutt, president of the local group, greeted the visitors. Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey discussed the endowment movement, after which Perrin Holmes Lowrey gave the address of the occasion.

A picnic supper for the Junior Association and this year's graduating class was held at 6:00 p. m., and at 8:00 p. m., the annual commencement program by the Fine Arts Department was presented.

Sunday morning, May 23rd, Rev. John F. Measells, Amory, preached the baccalaureate sermon, and on Monday morning Dr. H. M. Ivy, Meridian, gave the baccalaureate address.

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Dr. T. D. Brown, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, who formerly served admirably in various capacities in this state, was in a revival with Pastor T. W. Croxton and First church, Monticello, April 11-13. There were 40 additions to the church, 25 by baptism.—Arkansas Baptist.

"share" in her work.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. R. L. EZELLE,
Treasurer,

Committee on Narcotic Education.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR June

Evangelism.
Cooperative Program Causes.
Now Club (Five Thousand Club).
Vacation Bible Schools.
Christian Education Day.
Camps for Young People.
Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp.
W. M. U. Family Day—Have all Young People as Guests of W. M. U.
Send Reports.
District Training Union Conventions.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

CLEITUS FORTENBERRY LICENSED

New Zion Baptist Church in Walthall county, on the first Sunday in May licensed to the gospel ministry one of our finest young men, Cleitus Fortenberry. He feels not only God's call to preach, but also to go after proper training, as a missionary to Brazil. Cleitus is known by his home community as a young man of exceptional purity and promise. He was graduated with honors from the New Zion high school this year, and is now pursuing his studies at Mississippi College. The church had the joy of hearing him preach his first sermon at the regular evening hour on May 20, and it is the general conviction that our enthusiastic approval and confidence are well justified.—J. Hardee Kennedy, pastor.

—BR—

San Diego, Calif. (RNS)—The San Diego Gas and Electric Company, hard pressed by the labor shortage, recently decided to inaugurate a self-billing experiment in one section of the area it serves. The experiment showed, an official declared, that 99 per cent of the customers are honest. So the plan is being extended to 2300 more of the utility's patrons, involving ten zones.

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Driving to church to attend religious services is permitted under the new ban on non-essential driving, provided public transportation is inadequate. The pleasure-driving ban went into effect in twelve eastern states on May 20. The same ruling applies to attendance at weddings, confirmations and baptisms, but not to receptions held after the ceremonies.

Kaltenborn, the noted news analyst, has gone "all out" for the liquor interests. He seems to have become an implacable enemy of prohibition. Recently he spent part of his radio period extolling the liquor rationing of Sweden and holding it up as an ideal plan for the United States. Evidently the liquor forces are becoming very much excited over the growing tide of opposition to them and their nefarious business. They are spending untold millions of dollars in advertising and other forms of propaganda.—Western Recorder.

"There are only two eye witnesses on record as to the existence of Julius Caesar. There are 23 for Napoleon, 37 for George Washington and more than 500 for Jesus Christ. Jesus is the best authenticated historical character of His age, and His resurrection the surest fact we have from history."—Hardy L. Winburn, Arkansas Baptist Convention, 1935.—Western Recorder.

Stockholm (By Wireless RNS)—Bishop Lars Froeyland, a Quisling appointee, has reinstated two prominent Oslo clergymen who were dismissed from their pulpits over a year ago, and church attendance will probably increase. During the absence of the churchmen, services were led by an 82-year-old Quislingist, Hans Ruud. Average attendance at his services seldom exceeded two persons.

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Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

Attention, Business Women

A certain business woman heard Paul preach his first sermon in Europe. The Lord opened her heart, that she attended unto the things which were spoken by him. Following this we have a brief glimpse into her life of Christian service that reveals to us the value of a business woman to the missionary enterprise.

Undoubtedly we have more business women in our country today than we have ever had heretofore. Much of the responsibility of the business world has fallen into their hands. Surely the Lord's work needs them more than ever and they need the inspiration and strength that Christian service supplies.

Here is an important announcement for every business woman, and we hope Business Women's Circles will arrange to send a representative to this conference. Begin talking about it now so that definite plans may be made early in the summer.

Greetings to the B. W. C.

We are, indeed, very happy to have the Business Women's Circles hold their conference at Ridgecrest, with the Home Mission Board, August 4-10, inclusive. We extend to this splendid group of women a hearty welcome and shall do everything in our power to make their meetings stimulating and inspiring. We hope, also, to receive inspiration from their presence, for there is nothing that inspires anyone in mission work like the enthusiasm and interest of our women. We are, indeed, "laborers together with God." Hand in hand we work for the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus. May our meeting together in Ridgecrest this summer be an inspiration to all of us!

J. B. LAWRENCE,
Executive Secretary,
Home Mission Board.

Second Southwide
Conference for Business Women's
Circles of Woman's Missionary
Union, S. B. C.
August 4-10, 1943

Who?—Business women from Southern Baptist churches, Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary W. M. U., S. B. C., the state W. M. U. executive secretaries, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., home missionaries direct from the fields, and others.

Where?—At Southern Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., eighteen miles from Asheville, "in the land of the sky."

When?—During Home Mission Conference Week, Aug. 4-10. It is the plan to alternate the B. W. C. conference between Home and Foreign Mission Weeks year after year, and thus come to know missionaries from all fields. Accordingly this summer the B. W. C. conference comes during Home Mission Week.

What?—A week of study, inspiration, relaxation. Business women come together an hour each day for

discussion of B. W. C. plans then have the privilege of attending the Home Mission program. Delightful recreational features are planned for each afternoon.

Why?—B. W. C. members felt the need for such a conference and asked for it. As a result of this request Woman's Missionary Union fostered the first southwide B. W. C. conference last summer when two hundred attended. This year when problems are so pressing, such a week of rest, discussion and fellowship is needed more than ever.

Wherewithal?—The cost? Make it what you wish. Write Mr. Perry Morgan, Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., for schedule of rates. Cabin room per day, \$1.75. Rooms without private baths in various hotels, from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day. Rooms with private baths, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per day. All rates include meals in dining room.

What-to-do-now—Make reservations with Mr. Morgan for rooms desired. Write Mary Christian, B. W. C., Conference Director, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., that you are going. Read July and August numbers of Royal Service for further announcements. Urge your circle members to plan now to attend this

Second Southwide Conference for
Business Women's Circles
August 4-10

My dear Miss Traylor:

To you, as executive secretary, and to Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your making it possible for me to have had the privilege of attending the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky.

To me, it has been like a dream coming true, because it was the fulfillment of a desire that has been mine even during my high school days. Again, let me say thank you from the depths of my heart.

Sincerely,
MARY LIN PATTERSON.

Woman's Missionary Union Training School Announcement

Forty-six graduates received degrees, or certificates, in the thirty-sixth commencement of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School held in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel on Thursday evening, May 6, at eight o'clock. Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, made the address, using as his subject, "The Supreme Values of Life."

The graduates were inducted into the Alumnae Association and the juniors into senior responsibilities, at the vesper service on Wednesday afternoon, May 5, at 4:45 o'clock. Miss Helen Falls, the new Young People's secretary of Kentucky, challenged both groups with her address on the journey of life. Other talks were made by Miss Mary Nelle Lyne, president of the local chapter of the Alumnae Association; Miss Ellen Bernice

Stewart, general chairman of the student body for 1942-43; and Miss Edith Stokely, general chairman for 1943-44. The service closed with the conferring of the senior garlands.

The juniors chose "good lucky symbols" as the theme for the senior luncheon held at one o'clock Thursday, at which they bade the seniors a "God-speed" as they journey to their fields of service. Toasts were made to the two who are retiring from the Training School faculty: Dr. John R. Sampey and Dr. W. O. Carver.

At the commencement on Thursday evening, Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal, gave the charge to the graduating class, presented seven certificates, conferred nine bachelor of religious education degrees and thirty master of religious education degrees. The Training School chorus, under the direction of Miss Claudia Edwards, sang "Lift Thine Eyes," by Mendelssohn, and "The Silent Sea," by Neidlinger-Marzo.—Maralea Arnett.

The Mississippi graduates included: Mrs. Fannie S. Brister (B. R. E.), Myrtis Foster (M. R. E.), and Edna Hickman (M. R. E.).

"NOTHING ELSE MATTERS"

By Dr. J. Raymond Schmidt

Gen. Supt., National Civic League
Washington, D. C.—According to Hon. Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, "there is one and only one fundamental issue that faces the country now—the winning of the war. Every action taken by a governmental agency, every action on our part as individual citizens, should be determined by the searching question—will it promote the winning of the war? Nothing else matters."

Doubtless the secretary of war, secretary of the navy, chief of staff and the Commander-in-Chief are in agreement with this declaration, otherwise it would not have been made. If these leaders really believe "nothing else matters," why do they condone, if not openly encourage, the traffic in alcoholic beverages with its colossal waste of sugar, food stuffs and shipping space?

Since repeal became effective in 1933, beverage alcohol has had the "green light" in America. People may go without food, fuel and clothing and our armed forces without vital supplies, but, taking the past decade as a criterion, you may rest assured there will be food for converting into and space for shipping alcoholic beverages. One is forced to the conclusion that "nothing else matters" when there is a threat of reduced profits for the brewers and distillers, or the removal of the many special privileges and priorities enjoyed by the trade at the expense of public welfare and maybe success on the world-wide battle front.

The brewers enjoy priority rights without limit. According to Drew Pearson, of the Washington Merry-Go-Round, they even get a share of the tin cans turned in by housewives as salvage from which to replenish

their supply of bottle caps.

Brewers Get Plenty of Sugar

The brewers get 70,000 tons of sugar per year while the housewives are denied the usual amount necessary for canning fruit. Who has ever heard of a beer drinker being told by the bartender that "there is no beer today"? When we do without sugar for making lemonade, and cannot get coffee, we are told that the shortage is due to lack of shipping. Shipping space, however, seems available for alcoholic beverages. Witness the complaint of Anthony J. Dimond, congressional delegate from Alaska, against the shipment of beer and wine valued at \$60,000 on one vessel to Alaska, leaving only space for 1½ tons of food when 16 tons of space had been requested. "Scandalous" is the way Mr. Dimond denounced this shipment of liquor, when the food left behind on the docks was so vitally needed in the territory.

We further learn from the United States News that ships recently discharged cargoes of whisky and textiles in Panama, where other supplies, such as food and machinery, were urgently needed.

Tank Cars Haul Beer and Wine

People living in homes equipped with oil burners will get what comfort they can from the statement of Ray Tucker in his syndicated column, "News Behind the News," which appeared during the recent winter and reads in part as follows:

"Continued use of key transportation by wine and beer interests has precipitated severe criticism among administration insiders and on Capitol Hill. For some reason Joseph B. Eastman, Jr., has been unable to check the grape magnates or the big brewers. Regardless of the shortage of oil and gasoline on the Atlantic seaboard, several hundred tank cars . . . arrive in this area weekly with full cargoes of the fermented stuff."

The same situation applies to the transportation of food, which experts say may be even harder to get before the year is over. When facing cold homes next winter and a shortage of food necessary to proper nourishment, an enraged public can be expected to demand that all shipping facilities be reserved for those commodities that really count. . . . Early passage of the Bryson bill (H. R. 2082) will do the trick.

Oregon Baptists Sever Connection

with Federal Council (RNS): With two dissenting votes the Oregon Baptist State Convention by resolution severed "any and all connections" with the Federal Council of Churches, and declared itself "out of sympathy with the program and doctrinal implications of teachings sponsored by said council." The convention recommended that the Federal Council be removed from the denominational budget.

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Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects
Service

Headquarters, 99th Infantry Division
Office of the Division Chaplain
Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi
APO 449

May 15, 1943

Mr. F. R. Langley
Baptist State Mission Board
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Brother Langley:

I received a copy of The Baptist Record in which appeared your article concerning our Easter Sunday outdoor service, and the chaplains' section of the 99th Infantry Division appreciate very much the article written by you concerning this service. We are always glad to have churches know something about what the chaplains are doing, and after the many people read this paper they get some idea of how the chaplains administer to the many soldiers who attend services.

We are always glad to have you visit our camp here, and the interest you have in our work is very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

HENRY B. KOON,
Lt. Col., Ch. C.
Division Chaplain.

CLINTON CAMP—About 10:30 o'clock one night (May 17th) our door bell rang. On answering it, to our surprise we found a young Japanese American soldier there. He had just arrived by bus from Camp Shelby, and was trying to locate the Clinton Camp, which is about four miles southeast of town. Calling the camp by long distance from our home phone, we were unsuccessful in getting a response. Therefore since we are rendering soldier service we felt it our duty to get this soldier to the camp and made arrangements to carry him, as no transportation was available. On our way, we noticed three M P's at the Owl Cafe across from Mississippi College campus. Here we stopped and related our story. They took the young soldier in charge, thus saving us a trip. It was now 11:20 p. m. This is Touching the Bases from the Home Plate.

—BR—

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL TERM STARTS JULY 1

The first term of summer school began Tuesday and the next term will start July first at which time the Naval Officers Training Unit will be added. Mississippi College is fortunate to have gotten this assignment from the government. The attendance during the past session has held up remarkably well but the addition of the Navy unit will assure a strong educational program throughout the duration of the war. This is said to be the best educational program being offered by the military forces.

To comply with Navy plans, Mississippi College will shift to three regular semesters of sixteen weeks each beginning about July first, November first and March first. High school seniors and transfers from junior colleges are urged to enter July first rather than wait for a short term which might be started in September. Some new courses are being planned for young women who are enrolling in increasing numbers.



Miss Evelyn Moore, educational director, South Side Baptist Church, Meridian.

SOUTH SIDE AT MERIDIAN SELECTS EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

Miss Evelyn Moore, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Moore of Collinsville has recently accepted the position as educational director of the South Side Baptist Church, Meridian.

Miss Moore is a graduate of Blue Mountain College where she received her B. A. degree with majors in English and Bible. During her summer vacation for the past few years she has been working with the state Baptist Sunday School Board. She is known throughout the state for her outstanding work in study courses and Vacation Bible Schools.

Miss Moore has been teaching at Quitman high school during the past year.

—BR—

THE FAMILY ALTAR IS ON THE AIR By Bertha Bell

At Natchez, under the auspices of a group of members from the West Side Baptist Church, a radio broadcast over WMIS is being given each Wednesday at 7:15 in the evening, called the Family Altar Hour. The following general outline is used at the broadcast each week:

Theme song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," followed by a prayer.

Scripture reading and prayer, followed by a song.

A talk on prayer in the home, and the Christians' obligation to God and country.

Names of two boys in the armed forces presented for special prayer, after a brief mention of their training and other facts.

Closing song, "Jesus Saves."

The purpose of the broadcast is to encourage the establishment of the family altar in America in every Christian home, and call to prayer all who know God, for the sake of the nation's leaders and all parents and homemakers who need to know the way of right.

—BR—

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY REMINDER July Birthdays

- 1—Rev. Earl Parker, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.
- 1—Oleta Wilmouth Townsend (Mrs. J. R.), Joshua, Texas.
- 3—Rev. Kermit J. Schmidt, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.
- 4—Sara Bobo Patterson (Mrs. I. N.), Abeokuta, Nigeria, West Africa.
- 5—Frances Adams Bagby (Mrs. T. C.), Caixa 572, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- 5—Miss Anne Nora Laseter, Casilla 20-D, Temuco, Chile.
- 5—Rev. Paul C. Porter, Rua Jose Higino 406, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 5—Rev. A. J. Terry, E. de E. Santa, Caixa 52, Victoria, Brazil.
- 5—Sarah Crook Townsend (Mrs. S. J.), 4 Downs View Place, East Dean, Sussex, England.
- 6—Rev. Frank W. Patterson, Box 1648, El Paso, Texas.
- 6—Rev. George A. Carver, Peddie School, Hightstown, New Jersey.
- 6—Miss Blanche Groves, Bridgeport, Texas.
- 7—Miss Alda Grayson, 1107 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton, North Carolina.
- 7—Rev. A. E. Hayes, Caixa 178, Pernambuco, Brazil.
- 8—Miss Mildred Cox, Caixa 178, Pernambuco, Brazil.
- 9—Sarah Allred Bryant (Mrs. W. Howard), Casilla 185, Temuco, Chile.
- 10—Rev. W. Howard Bryant, Casilla 185, Temuco, Chile.
- 10—Grace Elliott Rankin (Mrs. M. W.), 1204 Hyland Avenue, Augusta, Ga.
- 10—Rev. J. A. Tumblin, Box 34, Buie's Creek, North Carolina.
- 11—Rev. T. Neil Johnson, 425 Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 12—Helen Franklin Seats (Mrs. V. L.), Oyo, via Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa.
- 12—Rev. W. J. Webb, Independencia 657, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.
- 13—Ruby Hayden Parker (Mrs. John A.), Casilla 9796, Santiago, Chile.
- 14—Floy White Adams (Mrs. W. W.), 7909 South Fifth Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.
- 14—Rev. William Dewey Moore, R. F. D. 1, Silver Springs, Maryland.
- 15—Dr. C. A. Hayes, 309 Mission Road, Glendale, California.
- 15—Miss Neale C. Young, Box 430, Florence, South Carolina.
- 15—Daisy Pettus Ray (Mrs. J. F.), 220 North Locust Street, Inglewood, California.
- 15—Miss Thelma Williams, 130 Bates Street, Honolulu, T. H.
- 16—Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, 16 South Washington Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.
- 17—Zelma Curnutt Hallock (Mrs. E. F.), Caixa 320, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
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- 18—Rev. J. R. Saunders, Shiuchow, Kt, China.
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- 26—Rev. Edgar F. Hallock, Caixa 320, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 26—Miss Pearl Johnson, First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.
- 26—Rev. Charles G. McDaniel, 1512 West Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.
- 26—Miss Hannah Fair Saltee, Shanghai, China.
- 27—Rev. William H. Berry, Rua Pouso Alegre 605, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE GRADUATES 89

The 117th annual commencement of Mississippi College came to a close at Clinton Monday night when President D. M. Nelson delivered diplomas to 89 graduates, eight of whom made special distinction, and 11 made distinction. The address was made by Rev. James W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga. On Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans.

The sacred concert Sunday night featured an organ recital and numbers rendered by the Mississippi College Choral Union with Miss Eleanor V. Crone as director and Miss Mary Opal Crone as organist.

Contests in oratory and debating were held Monday morning. The alumni luncheon honored the classes ending in '3 and '8. Rev. Jas. L. Sullivan was toastmaster and the principal speaker was Major W. E. Holcomb of the class of 1913.

In the afternoon, President and Mrs. Nelson entertained the seniors, their parents and friends and visiting alumni at a reception at their home.

Awards Announced

The Aven W. M. U. scholarship presented each year by the State W. M. U. to the most promising ministerial student was awarded to Joe Roberts of Laurel.

The Sumrall prize for the highest scholarship was won by John Howell of Lula, Miss.

The Joseph Barnhill Memorial award in chemistry was presented jointly to Wilbur Farrar of Hazlehurst and John Howell of Lula. The Lee-Emerson medals given for extemporaneous debate went to Tom Douglas of Meridian and Benny Smith of Greenville.

The Nelson medal for senior oratory was won by Carroll Izard, Hazlehurst.

The Trotter medal, junior award, went to Billy Burriss, Jackson.

The Kyzar medal, freshman, was awarded to Jack Merrill, Olive Branch.

The Bailey award in biology was voted to Fenwick Chappell, Hattiesburg.

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COMMITTEE COMMENDS WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF

(The following resolution on World Emergency Relief was unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in its recent meeting.)

Acknowledging with gratitude the response of our people in having given \$920,000 through our Foreign Mission Board for World Relief work in the past three years: We recommend that the Foreign Mission Board be asked to continue to represent Southern Baptists in making the appeal for World Emergency Relief; and, further we recommend that the Foreign Mission Board be requested to co-operate with the Baptist World Alliance in future appeals for Baptist gifts to meet the needs of our Baptist neighbors around the world.

J. H. Buchanan, Louie D. Newton, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Miss Kathleen Malory, W. H. Williams, Kearnie Keegan, R. C. Campbell, E. C. Routh, John D. Freeman, John Arch McMillan, J. W. Black, M. A. Huggins, C. W. Pope, committee.

SALVATION BY GRACE
Rev. Chester M. Savage
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Union, Miss.

Scriptures: Galatians 1:1-9;
Ephesians 2:1-10
Text: Ephesians 2:8-9

We have many doctrines which we have fought, bled and died for. Among them are: baptism of believers only; individual responsibility of every soul; the doctrine of the New Testament church; the absolute security of the believer; the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice; the virgin birth and deity of Jesus Christ; the death of Christ for all the sins of all men. But the keystone doctrine of them all is the great doctrine of salvation by grace and grace alone. Without the doctrine of salvation by grace as a foundation principle all the other doctrines would be empty premises with mere shadows for principles and blighted phrases for precepts. The whole Christian system hangs on this doctrine. If we are not saved by grace we have no salvation.

At least three letters by Paul were written setting forth in detail this great doctrine. Especially Galatians, to correct the idea of salvation by works, keeping the law, etc. In these days the so-called Christian world has discarded this doctrine, and has substituted for grace the man-made doctrines of salvation by character, ordinances, good deeds, holding out faithful, good citizenship, and church membership. But we stand in defense of the truth. This doctrine must be preached.

I. What is Meant by Salvation By Grace?

There are many Bible references to it. One hundred and seventy-one times it is used showing God's unmerited favor to man.

a. It is called the gospel of grace, the grace of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the manifold grace of God, the spirit of grace, and the grace of our Lord.

b. It is described as God being the author and giver, God's throne as being the throne of grace, and the Holy Spirit as being the spirit of grace. It is described as being great, sovereign, rich, exceeding, manifold, all-sufficient, all abundant, true, glorious, and not in vain.

c. Grace is the source of election, the call of God, the source of justification, faith, forgiveness, salvation, consolation, hope, and is necessary to the service of God.

d. Further, the Bible tells us: in regard to Christians, they are heirs; they are under grace; they receive grace from God; they are what they are by the grace of God; they should be established in grace; they should be strong in grace; they should grow in grace, and should speak with grace.

e. We are also told that grace is specially given to preachers, to the humble, and to those who walk uprightly.

f. We are also told that there are those who pervert and do not believe in the doctrine of grace. Refer to Jude 4 and Gal. 1.

II. What is Meant by Salvation By Grace? What is Grace?

Definition: The word "grace" in its proper sense means the free and undeserved love or favor of God exercised toward the undeserving, toward sinners. It is something given irrespective of any worthiness in man and to introduce works or merit into any part of this scheme frustrates its design and robs it of its nature.

1. Grace is the unmerited favor of God. I John 4:10: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

2. It is bestowed irrespective of merit. Isa. 55:1: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

3. Salvation by grace is God's gift. Romans 6:23, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

4. It is without any mixture of works. Galatians 2:16, "Knowing that a man is

not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

5. Salvation by grace plus works is not salvation at all, but a man-made heresy and avails nothing. No one deserves heaven for the little good he does on earth. We are, in fact, nothing but receivers, always receiving more from God than we give unto Him. The only kind of salvation God's Word mentions is salvation by grace through faith plus nothing!

6. Grace is expressed in the gift of God's only begotten Son. Refer to John 3:16. Also Romans 5:15, "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift of grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."

III. Why Salvation By Grace Is Necessary

1. Because all our doctrines are bound up in it.

a. The atonement is absolutely dependent on it. No grace—no atonement. God in unmerited favor looked down upon a sin-cursed world, and in His grace sent Jesus to die on the cross so that the atonement for sin could be made.

b. The doctrine of election is bound up in grace. We are chosen in Him from before the foundation of the world, and this can only be explained by grace.

c. Justification by faith is based on grace. Romans 4:4-5, "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

d. The doctrine of resurrection unto life is bound up in grace. Sin damns to eternal death, but grace grants resurrection.

e. The doctrine of grace is bound up in the preservation of the saints. "Who are kept by the power of God." Grace saves! Grace keeps!

2. Because the condition of man demands it.

a. Man is a sinner by nature. Psalm 51:5, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

No fall—no atonement. Adam's sin was deliberate. His act was wilful, defiant, rebellious, and by it he transferred his allegiance from God to Satan. Because of his sin we are born with a tendency, trend, bent, and a natural inclination to sin. If there is any salvation, it must be by God's grace. Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

b. Man is a sinner by choice. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "The soul that sinneth it shall die." God's law is perfect, just, fair. We deserve hell, but grace saves unto life eternal.

c. Man is a sinner by practice. I John 1:8, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

d. Man a sinner is the conclusion of all Scripture. Galatians 3:22, "But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." The Bible says we are condemned. Yet grace says, "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved."

3. The attributes of God make salvation by grace necessary. God is holy—how can a sinner, an outlaw from God, be saved? Only by grace! God is glorious how can a defiled, loathsome, corrupt sinner stand in His presence? Only by grace! God is true—how can a sinner, full of lying, covetousness and confusion stand before Him? Only by grace! God is jealous—how can a sinner who has been off after the pleasures of sin stand before Him? Only by grace! God

SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE WILL OBSERVE CONVENTION DAY

Time, June 21st, 1943. Place, First Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss. General theme—"The Southern Baptist Convention."

9:45-10:00—Devotional, G. S. Jenkins.
10:00-10:15—Welcome—Pastor L. G. Gates. Response, Mack Jones.
10:15-10:40—Historical Sketch of the Southern Baptist Convention—R. L. Orr.
10:40-11:05—Executive Committee and 100M Club—L. E. Green.
11:05-11:15—Song—J. W. Hudson, chorister.
11:15-11:45—Christian Education—W. E. Greene.
11:45-12:00—Miscellaneous; benediction.

Afternoon Session

1:15-1:25—Song and prayer.
1:25-1:50—Hospitals—W. L. Holcomb.
1:50-2:15—Relief and Annuity Board—I. E. Farr.

2:15-2:40—Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. C. W. Thompson.
2:40-2:50—Special music.
2:50-3:20—Sunday School Board and Religious Press—T. R. Coulter.

Evening Session

7:45-8:00—Devotional—W. A. Green.
8:00-8:25—Home Missions—W. L. Meadows.
8:25-8:50—Foreign Missions—G. O. Parker.
8:50-9:15—Facing the Future—Bryan Simmons.

These messages will be based on the current year's reports of our institutions and agencies and the program gives promise of much of the information and enthusiasm afforded at the Southern Baptist Convention. Representatives of the institutions and agencies have been invited and it is hoped that some of them will be present to add to the interest of the meeting. It is expected that there will be a good attendance of pastors and representatives of the churches. All are invited.

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is light—how can He tolerate the presence of darkness? God is love—how can He love that which is absolutely contrary to His character and corrupt in His sight? Because God is gracious! "For by grace are ye saved."

SOUL-WINNING SERMONS—IN OUTLINE
By E. P. Alldredge

Here is something new and different! It will come from the press between June 15 and July 1, 1943. First of all, it is a study of soul-winning—nine distinct phases of it—and such a study as one will find in no other single volume available. The topics are as follows:

The High Privilege and Glory of Soul-Winning.

Preparation for Soul-Winning.

Prayer and Soul-Winning.

Conviction for Sin and Soul-Winning.

Seeking the Lord and Soul-Winning.

Saving Faith and Soul-Winning.

Decision For Christ and Soul-Winning.

The Time Element in Soul-Winning.

Church Membership and Soul-Winning.

Then, this volume presents 92 sermon outlines and expounds more than 100 of the great Scriptures, all dealing with soul-winning. It offers real help to every pastor, every evangelist and every teacher in the Sunday schools, and particularly to those 7,000 Southern Baptist preachers who are without full college or seminary training.

Order from your own Bookstore—price \$1.00 in cloth; 50 cents in paper. Or address the author at 1407 Elmwood Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Preachers as well as others will find "The Christ of the Ages" by Dr. Grenville Beardsley a most valuable addition to their library. Concerning the book the author says, "This book has been written in the belief that God is at work in the world and that history is divine drama in which hidden and unseen forces unite to carry out the purpose of the Almighty. This work is not a history of Christianity although Christian history furnishes its basis. Neither does it purport to be a philosophy of history, although in many respects it may be closely akin thereto. Its aim is to gather the scattered threads of history which have a bearing upon the making of Christianity and its influence in the world, and to show how these substantiate the claims of Christianity to be of divine origin." American Tract Society, 21 West 46th Street, New York, is the publisher and the price is \$1.00.

We found "The Holy Spirit in Acts" by Dr. H. E. Dana, president of Central Baptist Seminary, very helpful. It is not light reading but too many people these days are seeking foam rather than fluid. The book includes the Holland Foundation Lectures, delivered at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, February 1943. This book is published by the Central Seminary Press, Kansas City, and the price is \$1.00.

Toledo, Ohio (RNS)—The Catholic Press Association, at its annual convention here, approved a recommendation authorizing its Executive Board to formulate plans for the creation of a Committee of Editorial Research "that will help to improve the capabilities of the Catholic press."

A PARABLE FOR YOUNG PREACHERS

Reverend A and Reverend B, each twenty-five years of age, are entering their first pastorates at the same salary each, \$1,000. Reverend A joins the Ministers' Retirement Plan at once, paying 3 per cent of his salary or \$30 a year, continuing at the same salary throughout the years of his active services and finds at age sixty-five he has a retirement annuity of \$500.

Reverend B, struggling with school debts, decides to wait for five years before joining the Plan. He will be only thirty, he argues, and there is plenty of time. By so doing he will be in pocket the \$30 a year membership dues for five years, thus saving \$150 in all. It appears to be wisdom, so he waits.

He will have \$30 each year using it for something "more urgent"; he will save \$150 in the five years, but he overlooks this fact, namely, the \$150 plus an added \$150 his church would have paid had its pastor been a member, plus still another \$100 his denomination would have paid (\$400 in all) will not be working for him through the entire period of more than thirty-five years with interest compounded year after year. And the result will be his age annuity will not be \$500 as in the case of Reverend A, but only \$342. He saves \$30 a year in his youth and is short \$158 a year in his old age. His retirement annuity will be decreased the first year by an amount larger than the total he saves in the five years. If he should live to age seventy, he will lose \$790; to age seventy-five, \$1,580. Is it wisdom for him to wait? Surely the youth of twenty-five can spare \$30 a year far easier than the aging man of sixty-five can spare \$158 a year. How true is the verse of Scripture, "It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth."

For application blanks or further information write your State Secretary, D. A. McCall, D.D., Baptist Building, Jackson, 105, Mississippi.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson For June 6, 1943

PETER COMFORTS PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

I Peter 3:13-17; 4:12-16; 5:6-10

The first epistle of Peter, as we have seen, was written to the churches in Asia Minor who were suffering on account of their faith. The privileges of Christians eclipse their trials, and the path of duty is clear though beclouded with suffering.

Lesson Text and Outline

- I. Comfort in a Good Conscience (I Peter 3).
- II. Comfort in the Will of God (I Peter 3).
- III. Comfort in the Name of Christ (I Peter 4).
- IV. Comfort in the Hand of God (I Peter 5).

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. SERENITY is the comfort of a good conscience and is the flower and fruit of sevenfold courage. (1) **Courage to be zealous.** If one is eager to do what is right, he will fare better among his fellows than if he wavers or faints and flees. If one has "a passion for goodness," who can really harm him after all? (2) **Courage to suffer.** When one is persecuted for righteousness' sake, he is rather to be envied than to be pitied. Let him be sure that the blows that fall upon him are because of his righteousness rather than the wrongdoing. (3) **Courage to stand threats.** It takes fortitude of a high order to have no fear under a storm of threatening and abuse. But the Christian may be unafraid. (4) **Courage to consecrate Christ in the heart.** Put Christ on the pedestal of our inner nature. Reverence Him as Lord in the heart. Dedicate the whole self entirely and always to Him. (5) **Courage to answer effectively.** In the time of persecution the Christian may be called upon to account for the hope he cherishes. Let him be ready with a reply. But let the reply be gentle, cautious, respectful, for only thus can it be effective. (6) **Courage to be conscientious.** There may be the temptation in dealing with the persecutors to outwit them in argument or to daze them with emotional eloquence or divert them from the main issue. Let one so behave under fire that he will come out with a clean conscience. (7) **Courage to await vindication.** Is one hurt because of the slanders upon his good name? Let him know that those who libel his good Christian behavior may themselves be ashamed of their mischief. At any rate, the day of complete vindication will surely come. But it takes courage to wait.

2. SACRIFICE finds comfort in the will of God. To be like Christ we must have a twofold willingness: (1) **Be willing to the will of God.** If it is His will that we should suffer, let us submit to that will in the spirit of entire resignation. Copy Christ in Gethsemane or on Calvary. (2) **Be willing to suffer for well-doing.** There is no merit when one suffers for his evil-doing, for that is exactly what the criminal does in his cell. But when one does right and then is blamed for it, he may have an inner joy which

the world can neither give nor take away.

3. SUFFERING has the comfort of endurance for the name of Christ. Note: (1) **Expect severe tests.** The trials may be fiery but they are not exceptional, for others are undergoing them. They are disciplinary and developing to the sufferer; they energize also His witness before others. (2) **Rejoice in fellowship with Christ.** As you share what He suffered, you will exult at the revelation of His glory. (3) **Realize the blessedness of the divine presence.** You may be denounced for bearing the name of Christ, but upon you will rest the glory and power of the Spirit of God. (4) **Suffer as a Christian.** Be sure of that. If one suffers as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or a meddler and busybody, he simply gets what he deserves, and he deserves no credit. But if he suffers because he is a Christian, "he need not be ashamed, he should rather glorify God for that" (Moffatt).

4. SERVICE enjoys the comfort of being sustained by the mighty hand of God. We summarize it in seven imperatives: (1) **Serve by submission.** Since God sets Himself against the proud but gives grace to the humble, our duty is plain and imperative: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God." Submit in all humility to His righteous dealings knowing that in due time He will raise you up. Jesus Himself has said, "he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." (2) **Serve by serenity.** As Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount had told His followers not to be anxious, so now Peter bade his persecuted readers in the midst of their trials to cast all their anxiety upon the Lord. He cared for them with an infinite care and He alone could bear their burdens for them. Thus they could be free from care and live the life serene. (3) **Serve by self-restraint.** Be calm and circumspect. Be thoughtful and temperate. Be sober and keep self under perfect control. (4) **Serve by vigilance.** There is a malicious opponent abroad. He wants to devour every Christian. He is the devil who prowls like a roaring lion, symbol of his fierceness and strength. Thus there is necessity for constant attention. Be watchful. Keep wide-awake. Be on the alert every moment. (5) **Serve by resistance.** In his search for whom he may devour, Satan will make direct attack many a time upon every Christian. He must be resisted. And it can be done. Therefore, withstand him firm in your faith. Be steadfast in opposition to him. "Keep your foothold in the faith" (Moffatt). (6) **Serve by suffering.** Peter's immediate readers were not the only ones of the time who were suffering for their faith. He therefore urges: "Learn to stand the same tests of suffering as the rest of your brotherhood throughout the world." (7) **Serve in view of reward.** God is the God of all grace. He has called you to share His suffering through Christ. It may be His will for you to suffer, but it will be for a short time. At last, He shall Himself make you perfect, firm, and strong. He shall repair and recruit and strengthen you, setting you on a solid foundation that shall never be shaken. To Him be the dominion

forever.

The Lesson of the Lesson Be Faithful Under Fire

(1) **Be calm.** Be not nervous, trembling for the ark of God or fearful that the kingdom of God can be destroyed.

(2) **Be ready.** Do not "fight fire with fire." Abuse and sarcasm, chicanery and falsehood are in the hands of your foes, but David must not wear the armor of Saul.

(3) **Be reliant.** Do not rely altogether upon intellectual weapons. Argument for the sake of argument is seldom convincing.

(4) **Be right.** Be spiritual, first of all; for a spiritual life is the best possible answer to critics of the cross. In wordy argumentation men may muddy your brain, but they cannot pump the lifeblood out of your heart.

(5) **Be loyal.** Be loyal to God and His Word. Allegiance to His sovereignty and unwavering confidence in His Word are forts of strength in time of war.

(6) **Be energetic.** Be aggressive,

evangelistic, missionary. Instead of stopping to shiver with fear or parley with foe, herald the good news fervently, faithfully, persistently.

(7) **Be effective.** For they who are "blasting at the Rock of Ages" can do nothing more than remove some of the moss that has gathered there.

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"Halt!" ordered the sentry in the detention unit. "Who goes there?" "You wouldn't know me," said the voice. "I just got here yesterday."

Country Baptist church desires to purchase second-hand pulpit chairs. Write: Mrs. John R. Jones, McCall Creek, Mississippi.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

We give below the final reports from the different churches of the Evangelistic Crusade:

Pastor Harry L. Hannah, Sturgis, writes about their revival as follows: "We had a great revival in our church with Brother C. O. Daniel, Scooba, doing the preaching. He brought inspiring messages and those professing Christ seemed very sincere, and a number of others are definitely interested, and asked for prayer. There were nine additions to the church, five of whom were for baptism."

From Pastor E. L. Byrd, Holly Springs, comes a very interesting message with the news that eleven of the sixteen Marshall County Baptist Churches participated in the Crusade. Doxology!

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Rev. A. H. Childress, pastor, reports a good revival with much interest. Brother Childress also sends in fine messages about the revivals at Bethesda, Sturgis and Morgan Chapel in Oktibbeha association, and Evergreen in Winston.

Pastor Rowe Holcomb, Kosciusko, writes that ten additions have been added to their church following their revival and that a deep spiritual interest is manifest.

Pastor J. D. Walker, Calhoun City, sends in a splendid report on the Crusade in Calhoun. Sixteen churches participated and in his own church at Calhoun City there were nine additions to the church.

From Leland Baptist Church, Brother Chester Quarles, pastor, comes this message: "Dr. Westmoreland, Houston Texas, did the preaching and he said it was one of the best revivals he had seen from the standpoint of preparation, advertising, attendance, personal work and results. The people came in large crowds. Our auditorium was crowded even in the morning services. B. B. McKinney led in the singing in a marvelous way. There were 32 additions to the church, sixteen of those by baptism. There were 25 reconsecrations." Doxology!

Pastor R. W. Porter, Lambert Baptist Church, gives a fine report on their revival. Twelve additions, nine of whom were for baptism.

From West Point, First Baptist, Rev. John E. Barnes, pastor, gives a wonderful report of their meeting. There were 17 additions, 15 of whom were baptized.

From Sumner, Webb and Friendship churches, Pastor J. H. Pennebaker, Sumner, sends in fine messages about the revivals. A number of additions and professions of faith in each church.

Shubuta, Pastor N. A. Edmonds, sends in a splendid report. Dr. O. P. Estes, did their preaching. There were eight additions to the church, two by letter and six by baptism.

Mrs. J. R. Doyle sends in a fine report of the meeting held at Canaan Church, Benton County, during the Crusade.

Mrs. J. B. Houston, Seminary, writes that their church had a fine revival with Rev. W. E. Greene, Ellisville, doing the preaching.

Pastor George Gay, Okolona, sends a very interesting report of their meeting. Seven additions to the church.

Pastor F. V. McFatrige, Plantersville, sends in splendid messages about the revivals at Plantersville and Verona. There were 13 additions.

From Booneville Baptist Church, Rev. J. D. Thompson, pastor, comes the very fine report of their revival. There were 13 additions to the church with eight for baptism.

Brother T. W. Green, Wesson, sends in fine reports from his churches as follows: Galilee, Sardis and Strong Hope, all in Copiah Association. There were 12 additions.

Brother James Fairchild, Wesson, sends in splendid reports from Wesson and Clear Branch churches. There were 12 additions at Clear Branch, nine of whom came for baptism.

A fine report from Brother L. R. Stokes, Pleasant Hill Church, comes to our desk. He also sends a report from Mt. Zion church. They had 20 for baptism.

"And . . . they went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 8:4.

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BILOXI PASTOR IS SOLDIERS' FRIEND

Levon Moore Visits Biloxi

I had the privilege recently of spending a week-end with the First Baptist Church in Biloxi. According to reports, this church is doing possibly more for soldiers than any other church in the state. For this reason I went to Biloxi to observe the work which is being done there. I had the pleasure of making the trip with Fred Langley, who is no doubt doing more for soldiers than any other civilian in Mississippi. It would be a blessing to any Christian to spend a week-end in the Biloxi church and see what goes on. Hundreds of men come into the Service Men's Center each week. They are met and welcomed by Miss Elizabeth Pickering, the church hostess, who is doing a marvelous work. They have an opportunity to play any indoor game they desire, read books or magazines, write letters, play the piano or radio, or talk with some Christian man or woman. This is not just an occasional ministry, but it goes on every day in the week. Brother Hodge is one of the busiest pastors I have ever seen, but he always has time to stop and talk with a soldier about his soul. The thing that impressed me most was the spiritual part of the ministry there. These men come in for conferences and many of them are won to Christ. The church is doing a wonderful work for the men of Keesler Field, and the men are a blessing to the church.

Some of the finest men on earth are in the army—because the army is made up of our sons and brothers. If your church has a chance to do anything for our service men, don't fail to take the opportunity. Their lives will be blessed and you and your church will be happy for having rendered a much needed service.

LEVON MOORE,
Associate Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Grenada.

—BR—

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION MEETING

The First Baptist Church, McComb, is expecting full attendance at the 15th District Baptist Training Union Convention, which will be held there on June 18th. This meeting will open at 2:00 p. m. and run through the night session. Supper will be served to those who attend. Miss Ruth Garcia of Argentina will give a word picture of her wonderland home and the progress of Christianity there. Other speakers will be Frank Skilton, publicity relations secretary of Blue Mountain College; our State Training

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Pictured above is the first Glee Club of Mississippi College. It was organized and directed by Mrs. A. J. Aven. All but two of this number are still living. Front row, left to right: George Mitchell of Tupelo, now in Texas; Dr. Roy Noble of Fannin, now in Texas. Center row, left to right:

Dr. R. W. Hall of Clinton, now dead; Mrs. A. J. Aven, Clinton; Clarence McLean, of Gloster, now dead. Back row, left to right: Fred Hammack, Flora; Judge Vernon Rowe, Winona; Dr. Webb Granberry, Orange, New Jersey; Dr. Henry Hunt, Memphis, Tennessee.

Church Council Bars Membership of Unitarians (RNS)—After months of discussion and controversy, the application of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian church for membership in the Detroit Council of Churches was rejected at a closed meeting of the executive committee of the council. In a statement explaining their action, the executive committee pointed out that since the church council was organized in 1919, membership has been limited to churches of "evangelical religious denominations," and that this position was re-affirmed unanimously last January when new by-laws were approved by the annual meeting.

Condemns Proposal for Curtailment of Religious Conventions (RNS): Proposals for wartime curtailment of religious conventions were condemned by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World Christian Endeavor Union and pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, in an address at Harrisburg, Pa., at the 74th annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Pennsylvania. "Let the church beware and let the churchmen beware," he declared, "of those men and women who, in a false economy, assert that religious conventions should be abolished for the duration. If there ever was justification for religious bodies to function, now is that time."

Union secretary, Auber J. Wilds; and others who will assist in the conferences for all groups. One of the outstanding features of the convention is the opportunity to hear our Story Hour contest, the Junior Memory Work Drill, the Intermediate Sword Drill contest and the Better Speakers' Tournament for Young People.—Mattie M. Burkett, secretary, First Baptist Church.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A TITHER

I have been a tither for several years and find it to be a great channel through which God's blessings flow. And I have found that the man that tithes is always looking for a good cause to put God's money in instead of trying to shun a collection.—Henry Joe Bennett, Pittsboro.

—BR—

To Members of Okolona Baptist Church: By arrangements made by your pastor, members of the official family of the church are to receive The Baptist Record for one month. Each family represented on the list of officials of the church organizations will have the chance to read of Baptist work in the state and at large. There is no secret about it! We just hope that The Baptist Record will soon be in all the homes of our church.—George Gay, pastor.

The Baptist Record regrets exceedingly that the name of Katherine Measells Bourland of Amory was omitted from the list of Blue Mountain graduates that appeared in last week's paper.

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—BR—

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PRIZE WINNERS

Miss Ruth Vorder Bruegge, Memphis, Tennessee, has been awarded the Stark Young Essay Prize, which will be one of the entries in the Southern Literary Festival, in the Blue Mountain College literary contest. The subject of the essay is "A Discovery."

The A. T. Robertson Religious Essay Prize was won by Miss Elizabeth Jacob, Franklin, Kentucky. The subject of the essay is "Unbounded Legacy."

Miss Peggy Chastain, Lexington, won the Edgar Allan Poe Short Story Prize with a story entitled "A Gay Wool Scarf."

"The Carnival" by Miss Marguerite Davis, Lebanon, Missouri, won the John Gould Fletcher Poetry Prize.

—BR—

Mrs. C. G. McDaniel of Soochow, China, one of Southern Baptists' missionary repatriates who returned to this country on the S. S. Gripsholm, is now recovering from a recent operation in Stuart Circle Hospital, Richmond, Virginia.

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Tupelo First

We have just received the application for the standard award for the Adult Men's Bible class of the First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Dr. H. R. Holcomb, pastor of this church, is also teacher of this fine class of men.

This is easily the largest standard class that we have in the state this year to date, and we feel that it is certainly in the same rank in the South. They have an enrollment of 94 and have made an average attendance for the past quarter of 64. Also, instead of the monthly business meeting, which most classes have, they have the weekly one.

It is not easy to standardize any unit of a school, but it is a great deal more difficult to standardize a large Adult class. We especially appreciate having this large Adult class on our standard list for this year because it is another proof that it can be done.

Other Standards

We have also received the application for the standard award for the Greenoe Adult ladies' class of the First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, teacher. This is also a large Adult class, and we are indeed glad to have it on our standard list. Another proof that it can be done.

These two schools have also reached the standard rating for this year: Mantee, no pastor at present, L. L. George, superintendent; Wesson, Rev. James Fairchild, Jr., pastor, W. H. Smith, superintendent.

To one and all of these workers in the units represented above we extend our sincerest congratulations on the excellent work that has brought them this fine achievement. Many others should do this same thing.

Associational Officers Are Missionaries

Homer L. Grice, Secretary
Vacation Bible School Department
Associational Sunday school officers are truly missionaries, and they should so regard themselves. They have been chosen by their fellow Christians after thought and prayer to render distinct spiritual ministries to a particular group of people within their association, giving to them whatever time and effort they can spare from their regular vocation. They should accept this ministry, laid on them by their fellows, as also a call from God, a call worthy of their best, and to which they should respond with diligence, zeal, and faithfulness, desiring to be faithful stewards of that which has been entrusted to them.

Here, for illustration, is a district association composed of twenty churches, and covering two counties embracing perhaps one thousand square miles of territory. Within the reach of these twenty churches are several thousand people of the age groups they are to serve. Hundreds of them do not attend a Sunday

school and are not Christians. Many who attend Sunday school do so irregularly. The majority of these churches never take a census to find their possibilities. They never have a planned and concerted effort to reach and enroll the people. They have no program of visitation. They do not have their Sunday schools graded and departmentized. They have no promotion day. They do not look after absentees. They have no training courses for improving the work of their officers and teachers. They leave to the annual protracted meeting the winning of people to Christ. They have no regular meetings for their officers and teachers. They are not using much of the lesson and magazine material provided for them. They are largely indifferent about the work of the Sunday school, and get but little joy or satisfaction from it.

An Associational Sunday school organization is set up. The officers are selected. They go to work. They plan to get every church to take a census, to grade and departmentize the Sunday school, to order the lesson and other materials it needs, to have one or more training courses every year, to double the enrollment of the schools, to have departments for the babies (Cradle Roll) and the people who, for various reasons, cannot attend (Extension Department), to look after all absentees every week, to make the schools positively evangelistic and missionary, and to do all the other things they can to reach everybody for Bible study and richer Christian service. They use the telephone. They make visits. They write letters. They spend some of their own money for gasoline and other things. They go to meetings. They do all this in the name of Christ and for His sake. They have a sense of urgency. They believe what they are doing will bless people individually and as groups. They work; they pray; they serve. Yes, they are missionaries—people called and sent by God on important ministries, and blessed by Him as they labor faithfully and lovingly in His name, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Thank God for these missionaries in our more than nine hundred district associations!

DORA QUICK WAINWRIGHT

Inasmuch as our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved sister and co-worker, Dora, and inasmuch as our love and devotion to her are binding, we, as the Glendale Baptist Women's Missionary Society, express the following tribute in memory of her:

She was a Christian of rare faith in her Lord Jesus, never failing in any capacity;

We shall never cease to miss her from our church and community life. Her service as W. M. S. president for a number of years was exemplary in her loyalty and love for Kingdom work. Her influence for good in her home, church and community was outstanding.

To her loved ones saddened by her departure, may God bless you and may you look to her Lord for comfort.

Glendale W. M. S.:

MRS. M. L. WATTS,

MRS. E. L. CALLAHAN,

MRS. A. F. DOSSETT,

Committee.

RADIO SERIES BY FEDERAL LEADERS STARS JUNE 5

Secretary of State Cordell Hull will open on Saturday, June 5, an authoritative series of broadcasts in which government officials, leaders of industry and labor, and scholars will discuss the basis of the coming peace over the National Broadcasting Company network. Titled "For This We Fight," the series will be heard exclusively over NBC and its independent affiliated stations Saturdays, 7:00-7:30 p. m. (EWT) for a period of 26 weeks.

The series will be divided into two groups of 13 programs each. The first group will discuss the international aspects of the post-war world and the second will consider the national aspects.

The series is presented by the NBC Inter-American University of the Air, headed by James Rowland Angell, president emeritus of Yale University and NBC public service counsellor, and Sterling Fisher, director of the NBC Inter-American University of the Air. The first group of broadcasts has been prepared in cooperation with the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace, of which Professor James T. Shotwell is chairman. The second group is presented in co-operation with the Twentieth Century Fund, of which John H. Fahey is president.—NBC Press Department.

"THE VOICE OF YOUTH" By Frank Moak

Today, as never before, youth of the world are very much disturbed. In every country, youth of every creed, color, race, or description are purged with the thought of war. Taking the situation on an individual basis, what do we see? Envy, hatred, selfishness and suffering, combined an unequal portion of Christianity. As a consequence we can only expect war.

Why does all this stir pertain to the young boys and girls? Simply because there are a few "black sheep" in this world who enjoy making a dishonest profit at the expense of those who are right in the midst of life's molding period. Leaders of every country like very much to select young people to bear their burdens of war because of youth's daring and courageous heart.

What is youth's answer to the world? The most important, precise and clear answer is, "We need Christ." We youngsters need Christian influence in the home. We need Christ in our school life. We need Christ in our daily work. When we go into the service of our country, we need Christ as a guide. Even though we do go to war we can remember that we must fight as a Christian soldier in God's great army in order that

25 YEARS AGO

One of the Mississippi Baptist boys is reported missing from the torpedoed transport Moldavia. This is Clyde Lindsay, member of the Line Creek church in Rankin county.

Upon the gift of \$25,000 the trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute will give the donor the privilege of naming one of the buildings as a memorial. Texas Baptists are moving to buy one and name it for Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

Rev. B. F. Whitten of Coldwater is in need of an efficiency singing evangelist. He must be an orthodox Baptist and furnish satisfactory references.

The church at Moss Point increased Pastor Webb's salary by \$300 per annum on last Sunday.

Main Street church in Hattiesburg raised \$6,000 on their church debt last Sunday.

Congratulations to Pastor Hewitt and the First Baptist Church, Jackson, on the handsome way they paid \$6,000 on their church debt.

spiritual peace may be established on earth.

Thank God that Mississippi Baptists have progressed wonderfully along this line in recent years. But remember, there is plenty to do yet. And as a closing thought I leave with you these familiar verses:

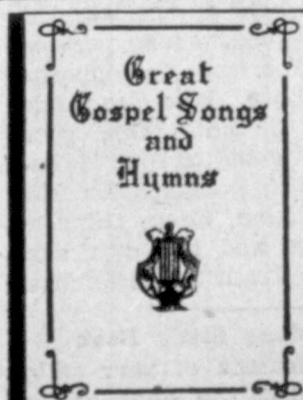
"Rob not the poor, because he is poor: Neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: For the Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them." Proverbs 22:22-23.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

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Our Summer Program

For the past few years we have planned our summer work on the basis of a five week period. This year we will begin the five week period with July 4th and run through August 6th. Our workers will give this period of five weeks to the churches, each worker serving in the same association for the full period, thus serving five churches in the association. These workers will be sent only to the associations that have planned for their coming. The associational director is giving as much time to the arrangements as he has to visit each church personally, as a rule, in order to explain the plan and to enlist the church. We are supposed to work in churches who have no Training Union work at present. It is a promotional program with the idea of getting unions established in churches that have none, and in strengthening the work in general. Our workers will come to Jackson for a three day clinic beginning June 30th, and will go out from there on July 3rd to the first church they are to serve. These volunteer workers are students and teachers who want their leisure time to count for kingdom advancement, and who are willing to undergo a few hardships because of their love for the Master. It has little of the "romance" in it, but brings a great blessing to both the church and the worker. All expenses of these workers are paid by our Boards, we are asking the churches they serve to make a free will offering. This will be pooled and divided equally among the workers at the close of the season. Pray for the work this summer. We will not have as many workers as we need, but circumstances are different this year. We hope to do an excellent job with the ones who do serve.

District Conventions Begin Next Monday

Next Monday is June 7th. The first District Convention will be held that day at Burnsville, thus starts the tour of the state. A convention is within reach of every church. Check the schedule, organize your group, and come with the purpose of giving and receiving a blessing.

The Book Exhibit!

We will have a book exhibit at each of the District Conventions this year. This exhibit will include Bibles and other helpful books for your individual use. Come to the convention prepared to buy a book or two. Books make good presents for all occasions. We will have them there mainly for your convenience.

Districts 1, 9, 2, 3 and 4 to Have Special Treat

Some of you will remember Brother Blondye Foreman who was on the program of each of our District Con-

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ventions about seven years ago. Brother Foreman is one of our missionaries from interior Brazil, about three weeks' journey from the coast (it wouldn't be that far if they had a good highway). He is in the States now and is to be with us for the last week of our conventions and will bring us a report of their work in this interesting mission field. The districts holding their meeting the last week are Districts 1, at First church Jackson, June 21st; 9, at Durant, the 22nd; 2, at Moorhead the 23; 3, at Paynes, near Charleston, the 24th; and 4, at Lyon, the 25th. We are glad to have this fine missionary with us for these meetings, just sorry he could not be with us for all fifteen meetings.

Sunflower Elects Officers

Sunflower Associational Training Union at its last meeting elected officers to fill the places of those who had to resign because of their leaving their association. These officers are now working at the job of making Sunflower one of the best Training Union Associations to be found anywhere: Director, Mrs. J. A. Pippin; associate director, Rev. L. J. Crumby; secretary-treasurer, Miss Frances Davis. In their last meeting of the association eight churches were represented, and a fine program enjoyed. Miss Clarice Conner, student of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans, brought a stirring message, presenting the need of missions in our great cities. The association voted to send their associational director to Ridgecrest this summer for the Training Union Assembly.

Our Theme and Lesson Topics For June

"We Believe in Our Churches" is the special theme for June in our Training Union. The Scripture for the month is Matt. 16:6; I Cor. 1:2; Acts 2:41-42; Acts 14:23; Eph. 5:25. The topics for each Sunday are: Doctrinal, The Meaning of Church Membership. Devotional, What My Church Can Do For Me; Christian Service and Living; What I Can Do For My Church; Missionary, Growing Strong Leaders For Our Churches. Join us in the study of these practical principles.

Blue Mountain Has Impressive Service

Several Sundays ago the Blue Mountain College Training Union had a very impressive general assembly program. This was a "Galilean" service. It was held by the lakeside, and those who were to take part on the program came from the opposite shore in a row boat. Who else would have thought of that? One good reason for a girl going to Blue Mountain College is the association she will have with keen, clean, thinkers of her own sex and her own age. That in itself is worth the difference.

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CHRISTIANS AND BEVERAGE ALCOHOL E. F. Haight

In this article I wish to lend my voice to the rising tide of condemnation of the use of beverage alcohol by Christian people in any form and to any degree. It seems to me that it must be convincingly clear to every Christian who has eyes to see that the use of beverage alcohol—beer, wine, strong liquor—is rapidly becoming a national disgrace and the greatest single danger to our nation's spiritual, moral and physical strength—America's public enemy number one.

There are three possible policies one may follow in the matter of drinking beverage alcohol. They are: (1) the habitual use, temperately or to excess, (2) the occasional use, temperately or to excess, and (3) no use at all, or total abstinence. When a Christian looks honestly and courageously at these three policies, how can he commit himself to practicing any other than the policy of total abstinence?

Unquestionably beverage alcohol in any form and the usual activities and places associated with its use in any form and the usual activities and places associated with its use in America today are positively and aggressively against Christ and the well-being of men and women. A Christian surely would not desire to commit himself, either habitually or occasionally, to the side of such an enemy of Christ and his fellow-men. Surely any Christian, however unconsecrated and meager his Christian life, has recognized these facts and felt the personal constraint of these truths. However, these truths are mainly negative, having to do with our not lending aid to the enemy. Beyond them lies a mighty positive truth about life which compels and challenges many a Christian who is spiritually mature and vigorous. It is the truth that being one's best rules out the use of beverage alcohol.

Now the tendency of any use of alcohol to disqualify a man or woman for being his best is the reason why various activities and responsibilities of men today require at least a temporary total abstinence. Airplane pilots, railroad engineers, bus drivers, street car motormen and taxi drivers must not drink on duty.

The tendency of any use of alcohol to disqualify a man or woman for being his best morally and spiritually is a good reason why Christians should be total abstainers. If for the sake of efficiency in their worldly activities men will become total abstainers some of the time, surely a Christian should be willing for the sake of effective moral and spiritual activities to be a total abstainer all

the time. God and our fellow-men need us at our best now. Our world demands that we be clear of head, pure of heart, clean and strong of life. Just as God required total abstinence of the ancient priest serving at the altar of temple or tabernacle, of Samson's mother before his birth, of John the Baptist throughout his life—even so, He is challenging Christians today to keep alcohol entirely out of their lives in order that they may be their best.



1. What do you know about "the feast of weeks," as mentioned in II Chronicles 8:13?

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2. What king entered into a secret alliance with Egypt and defaulted in tribute payment to the Assyrians?

...

3. Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites for 20 pieces of silver (shekels). What was the total amount paid?

...

4. General Stonewall Jackson was asked to explain the phrase, "Pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17). What was his understanding?

(Correct answer on Page 15)

BLUE MOUNTAIN STUDENTS ELECT B. T. U. OFFICERS

Miss Jean Lowrey, Blue Mountain, has been elected general director of the Baptist Training Union of Blue Mountain College for next session. Other officers are: Misses Elaine Caldwell, State College, assistant director; Marion Shaw, New Orleans, La., secretary; Violet Hendricks, Inverness, daily Bible reader's leader; Peggy Patrick, Corinth, social chairman; Mary Frances Pinson, Memphis, Tenn., missionary chairman; June Patterson, Lundell, Ark., chorister; Myrtle Ray James, Newton, pianist; June Lang, Crystal Springs, poster chairman.

Presidents of the individual unions are Misses Mary D. Leavell, Tampa, Fla.; Elizabeth Morris, Newton; Russel Lee Baldridge, Newbern, Tenn.; Marguerite Hennessee, Florence, Ala.; Juanita Baker, Louisville; Betty Jean Sauer, Owensboro, Ky.

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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE COMMITTEE MAKES DECLARATION (Continued from Page One)

Religious Liberty in Roumania

Reaffirming the Declaration on Religious Liberty adopted by the sixth World Congress in Atlanta, July 27, 1939, which will appear later in this story, the Chicago meeting went on to adopt special declarations, as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance strongly protests against the recent decree of the government of Roumania, suppressing Baptist churches, confiscating Baptist property, and forbidding all activity in the future to Baptists and certain other religious groups in the land. It deplores the influence exercised by the Orthodox church of Roumania in using the powers of the state to suppress minority religious groups.

In Russia

We thankfully recognize the economic and cultural achievements of the Soviet government, and are gratified to learn that there has recently been some relaxation in the attitude of the government toward religion. The Executive Committee rejoices in the closer intercourse between the government of the U. S. S. R. and the governments of other nations, and earnestly hopes that this may lead to such modifications of the Constitution, laws, and administration of the Soviet Republic as will secure complete religious freedom, and thus strengthen and perpetuate the friendship which has already developed between the U. S. S. R. and the countries in which such religious liberty is an established principle.

In Latin America

We deplore the apparent effort of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to limit evangelical missionary activities in Latin America and other parts of the world.

In Spain

We express serious concern at the repression of evangelical churches and their work in Spain following the renewal of the concordat between the government of that land and the Vatican.

Regarding Peace Treaties

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance strongly urges that the treaties of peace made after the present war shall include a section guaranteeing full religious liberty as a condition not imposed on any particular group of states, but accepted by all the signatories. It was further ordered that the foregoing resolutions, together with the Declarations of Religious Liberty adopted at the Atlanta Congress, be brought to the attention of any and all such governments as are accessible.

The Atlanta Declaration

Worthy religion rests on the conviction that the individual soul is competent to deal directly with God, and has the right and the need of this direct dealing. To deny to any soul the full exercise of this privilege is to deprive the individual of his inherent and most sacred right and to violate his dignity and worth as a human being. Every form of coercive restraint or constraint of a man in his converse with God is both a sin against the individual and a hindrance to human welfare. Appropriate institutions and forms of religion contribute to a direct experi-

A. H. Childress, pastor at Longtown and Sturgis, has accepted the call to Coffeeville. He expects to move on the field about June 15.

Pontotoc: The outside wood work and the roof of our church building and pastor's home are being painted. This is being done without any special appeal for funds because of the faithfulness of our people in bringing tithes and offerings to God's Storehouse. Especially is this true of the time when the church was without a pastor.—Reporter.

In sending us the name of a prospective student, Brother John A. Farmer of Oildale, California, does so in the following words: "Please send literature about Blue Mountain (the best girls' college in the U. S. A.) to"—Skilton.

ence of God. Voluntariness in personal and corporate worship, institution and service is essential to vital religion and to spiritual development of society.

No man, no government or institution, religious or civil, social or economic, has the right to dictate how a person may worship God, or whether he shall worship at all. Therefore no civil authority may of right make a law, decree or regulation respecting an establishment of religion, or affecting its free exercise. State churches and church-states are alike in direct conflict with the principle of freedom. A free church in a free state, each contributing freely and helpfully to the legitimate sphere and functions of the other, is the ideal, but with no financial or administrative dependence of either upon the other. No state may rightly prefer or favor one form of religion above another. . . .

World Relief

A meeting of the special committee on world relief will be held in the very near future before President Rushbrooke leaves for London, if possible, at which meeting representatives of the foreign mission boards of the several Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada will be present to work out a united plan of Baptist relief. Substantial sums have been raised and administered by Southern and Northern Baptists in the past three years in meeting the dire needs of Baptists and others throughout the world. . . .

Dr. John R. Sampey tendered his resignation as a member of the Executive Committee, and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller was elected to take his place. Dr. J. H. Decker of the Northern Convention resigned, and was succeeded by Dr. Dana Albaugh. Vacancies, due to death, were reported as follows: Vice Presidents N. J. Nordstrom, Sweden, and L. K. Williams, U. S. A.; and on the Executive Committee, Dr. San Ba, India, and Dr. T. O. Fuller, U. S. A. Splendid reports were made on the work of the woman's committee by Mrs. F. W. Armstrong; Evangelism, by Dr. G. Pitt Beers; Young People's Commission, by Dr. Frank H. Leavell.

President Rushbrooke's presence added greatly to the meeting. Expressions of grateful fellowship and greetings were sent by President Rushbrooke to British Baptists and to other Baptist bodies throughout the world.

Ludlow church under the leadership of R. H. Daniel, pastor, has had 71 additions in 17 months. Sixty-three of these additions came by baptism. This averages almost two professions of faith for each preaching Sunday. All the members are happy in the good work. This is an EVERY FAMILY church.

A few weeks ago in giving the list of Record readers in Oktibbeha county, Bethesda was listed as having two readers. That good church is an EVERY FAMILY church and now has 19 Record readers.

R. L. Powell, of Tacoma, Washington, in renewing his subscription says, "Have greatly enjoyed reading the Record. Many of the names of the churches and pastors are among those known to me in earlier years of life. Thank you."

Evangelist Aubert Dunn of Meridian will be the visiting preacher in a revival beginning the second Sunday in July at the Ludlow church.

A letter from Carl Appleton, one of the Mississippi boys in Fort Lawton, Wash., asks that all Christians pray for the boys in the service, and to work for a better place for them to come back to when the war is over. He expresses his appreciation of what it has meant to him to have come from a Christian home.

The Olive Branch Baptist Training Union held a study course last week, closing Friday night with a social feature. There was an enrollment of 63, and 52 diplomas were awarded.—Milton Payne.

Theodore Whitfield says: "In the absence of Wyatt Hunter from the First Baptist Church of McComb, I supplied for them Sunday. They are in a flourishing condition. They gave me \$40.00 for supplying and two members stepped up and gave me \$10.00 each besides. It is a good place to go." Brother Whitfield was pastor there for eleven years.

Joseph B. Flowers has resigned the pastorate of the First church in Winona, Miss., and accepted a call to the newly organized Copeland Park church in Newport News. Copeland Park is a new development with a present population of 10,000 people. When the housing units now under construction are ready for occupancy, it is estimated that 20,000 people will live in that section.—Religious Herald.

Dr. S. H. Jones has resigned the pastorate of the First church, Brookhaven, to accept the presidency of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri. Concerning his resignation, the weekly bulletin says: "His resignation was accepted by the church with regret. Dr. Jones and his family have greatly endeared themselves to our church and community during the more than four years of their service with us. A fuller statement will appear in future issues of the Bulletin."

The many friends of Coach Stanley A. Robinson of Mississippi College will be pleased to know that he has landed safely in North Africa. He left Clinton on March 20 to be a field secretary for the Red Cross.

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SECRETARY WICKARD WILL ADDRESS FARMERS AT COLUMBIA JUNE 14

Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard will make a return visit to Columbia on Monday, June 14, to address the Rural Life Conference to be held on that date. His address is expected to be broadcast nationwide, and the event is being planned with arrangements to handle a large number of dignitaries as well as thousands of farmers and laymen.

An outgrowth of the Tylertown Thanksgiving Observance, at which Secretary Wickard spoke last fall, the Rural Life Conference plan has been developed by the Rev. Jas. W. Sells of Crystal Springs and Lester Williams, publisher of the Columbian-Progress and the Tylertown Times.

Purpose of the meeting is to emphasize the relationship of the farm and church, their interdependence, and to renew the spiritual wellsprings of the national faith, as found in the "grassroots," or in those who till the soil. General aim is to broaden and improve the lives of rural people, especially from a cultural standpoint.

Horton General Chairman

Rev. F. K. Horton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, was elected general chairman of the affair by a meeting of a few interested citizens, and the steering committee, appointed by him, is composed of the following, who will each in turn appoint his own committee: Arrangements, J. O. Snowden; Program, Rev. J. W. Sells; Reception, W. C. Flanders; Attendance, J. H. Hough; Publicity, Matt Vernon, and Finance, Geo. Ben Lampton.

The town and rural churches of the county are expected to participate in the planning of the event, as well as the townspeople, and the Department of Agriculture and all its branches will take an active part in the program and all arrangements.

—BR—

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

New Albany	483	130
Hernando	78	36
Ackerman	104	28
Crystal Springs	322	124
Yazoo City First	214	
Friendship (Lincoln)	50	41
Louisville First	284	58
Enon (Panola)	56	49
Wallerville	87	39
Olive Branch	79	50
Jackson First	972	240
Calvary Jackson	905	217
Griffith Memorial Jackson	631	279
Horse Shoe (Holmes)	40	38
Old Town	123	42
Sardis (Neshoba)	56	
Cross Roads (Webster)	57	
Bethlehem (Jones)	74	71

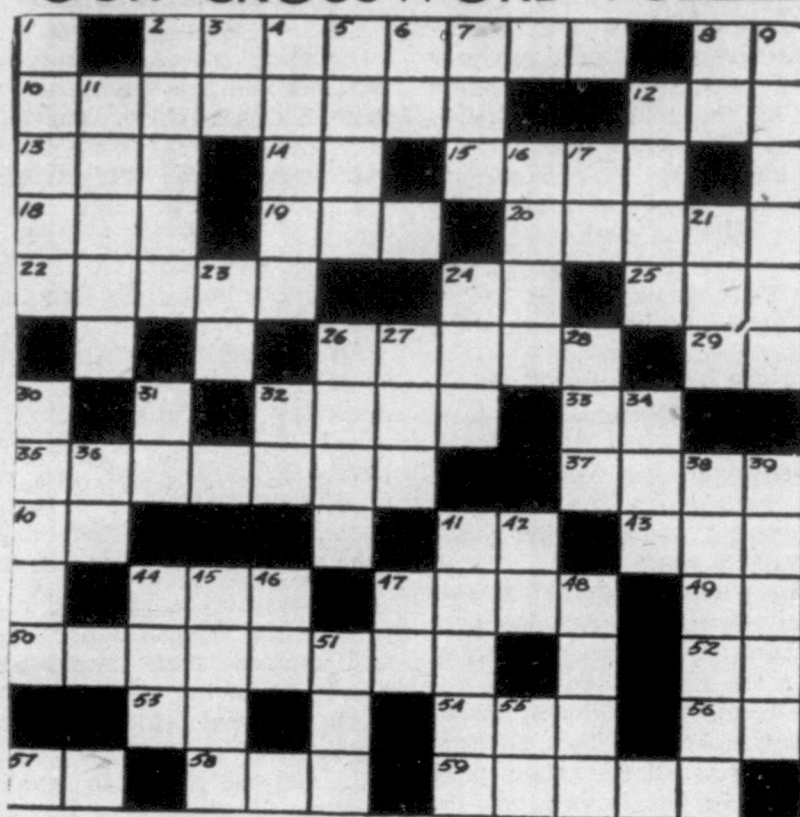
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Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office included the following: Martin J. Gilbert, Semmes, Ala.; R. A. Oliver, Fayette; F. V. McFatridge, Plantersville; Guy A. Little, Pinola; C. M. Day, Liberty; Bob Eure, Greenwood; Otho A. Eure, Greenwood; Mrs. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Theo. Whitfield, Pocahontas.

New Albany: Our church called Miss Myrtis Foster of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, as full time educational secretary.—Reporter.

Our revival begins at Kreole Sunday, June 6. The visiting preacher will be W. W. (Bill) Kyzar.—Reporter.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."—Ps. 19:14.

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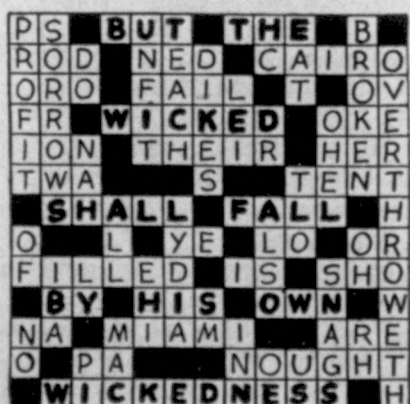
Across

- 1 "while . . . was musing," Ps. 39:3.
 2 "I will . . . in thy precepts," Ps. 119:15.
 8 "meditate . . . thee in the night watches," Ps. 63:6.
 10 "did meditate in thy . . ." Ps. 119:23.
 12 Court.
 13 Indian mulberry (var.).
 14 South Atlantic state.
 15 Person of valor.
 18 "I meditate on . . . thy works," Ps. 143:5.
 19 "and talk of . . . doings," Ps. 77:12.
 20 "I will remember the . . . of the Lord," Ps. 77:11.
 22 "of that which doth . . . me nothing," II Sam. 24:24 (pl.).
 24 The (Fr.).
 25 "Blessed are the dead which . . . in the Lord," Rev. 14:13.
 26 Dens.
 29 Northern state.
 31 ". . . will not forget thy word," Ps. 119:16.
 32 "men . . . d in their hearts," Luke 3:15.
 33 "with the laying . . . of the hands," I Tim. 4:14.
 35 "I will remember thy . . . of old," Ps. 77:11.
 37 "in his law . . . he meditate," Ps. 1:2.
 40 Exclamation of surprise.
 41 "it is . . . that hath made us," Ps. 100:3.
 43 "I remember . . . days of old," Ps. 143:5.
 44 "delight is in . . . law of the Lord," Ps. 1:2.
 47 "meditate also of all thy . . ." Ps. 77:12.
 49 Central state.
 50 "precious also are thy . . . unto me," Ps. 139:17.
 52 North river.
 53 "where two . . . three are gathered together," Matt. 18:20.
 54 "Thy testimonies also . . . my delight," Ps. 119:24.

Down

- 56 Grand treasurer.
 57 "meditation . . . my heart," Ps. 49:3.
 58 "... law! it is my meditation," Ps. 119:97.
 59 "My . . . also will I lift up," Ps. 119:48.
 Our text is 1, 2, 8, 18, 19, 20, 31, 32, 33, 44, 47, 57, 58 and 59 combined.
 1 "... went out to meditate," Gen. 24:63.
 2 Common European gulls.
 3 And.
 4 "the Lord God formed man of the . . ." Gen. 2:7 (pl.).
 5 "with the . . . whereof thou canst be healed," Deut. 28:27.
 6 Tellurium.
 7 "he planteth an . . ." Isa. 44:14.
 8 Hawaiian yellow bird.
 9 "these sayings were . . . abroad," Luke 1:65.
 11 Bird's claw.
 12 "Thy . . . have I hid in mine heart," Ps. 119:11.
 16 Pitcher.
 17 Royal observatory.
 21 "among his own . . ." Mark 6:4.
 23 "give thyself wholly . . . them," I Tim. 4:15.
 24 "... not one to another," Col. 3:9.
 26 Entice.
 27 "riding upon an . . ." Zech. 9:9.
 28 "Jacob . . . pottage," Gen. 25:29.
 30 "My meditation of him shall be . . ." Ps. 104:34.
 31 "Stand . . . awe," Ps. 4:4.
 32 "My heart was hot within . . ." Ps. 39:3.
 34 "that I might . . . sin against thee," Ps. 119:11.
 36 "... that men would praise the Lord," Ps. 107:8.
 38 "Meditate upon thee . . ." I Tim. 4:15.
 39 "Let my . . . be sound in thy statutes," Ps. 119:80.
 41 City of the tribe of Asher, Josh. 19:29.
 42 Ancestor of Jesus, Luke 3:28.
 44 Also.
 45 "neither walk after other gods to your . . ." Jer. 7:6.
 46 For example.
 47 Weight.
 48 Sharp.
 51 "the . . . is withered away," Isa. 15:6.
 55 Egyptian sun god.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



THE SCOURGE OF THE HUN

Less than one generation of the wrong kind of education in Germany produced the barbarous, loathsome, cruel Nazi youth who are today pillaging the countries of Europe and murdering, torturing and raping their inhabitants. Churches have been suppressed and schools have been taken over by the Third Reich, and the children and youth of Germany so indoctrinated with hate, totalitarianism, and Hitlerism that a Godless, Christless nation is threatening the peace, freedom of speech, and freedom of worship of the world. Sanctity of the home is not a part of Nazi ideology, which insists on illegitimacy as a means of replenishing the armies of Hitler. This havoc and hell has been done to a nation and to the world in less than a generation by the WRONG kind of education reinforced by rigid regimentation. Had German children been exposed to Christian education during this period, a different world condition would now exist.

In America, generations of Christian education produced statesmen, economists, and philosophers who, in turn, so moulded the fashion of citizens that they became such as framed the American Constitution, our Bill of Rights, and our fundamental civil laws, all of which are impregnated with Christian idealism and Biblical standards of justice.

The following poem by Robert W. Service illustrates the transforming power Christ has in any life that accepts Him:

I hailed me a woman from the street,
 Shameless, but oh, so fair.
 I bade her sit in the model's seat
 And painted her sitting there.

I removed every trace of her heart
 Unclean.

I painted a babe at her breast.
 I painted her as she might have been
 If the worst had been the best.

She laughed at my picture and went
 away;

Then came with a knowing nod, a
 connoisseur,

And I heard him say,
 "Tis Mary, the mother, of God."

So I painted a halo around her head.
 I sold her and took my fee.

Now she hangs in the church at St.
 Hillaire

Where you and all can see.

An opportunity will be presented Mississippi Baptists in June to participate in the part Blue Mountain College is having in spreading the gospel of Christian education by contributing liberally to its endowment fund when the offerings are taken in their churches.

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Austin, Texas (RNS)—A compulsory course of instruction in all colleges, teacher colleges, and public schools of the effects of alcohol and narcotics on the human system will be set up as the result of a bill passed by the Texas legislature and signed by Governor Coke Stevenson.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Chester M. Savage
Called and Accepted

John F. Brantley, Second, Pascagoula, Miss.

Woodrow Clark, Edinburg, Miss.
Aubria A. Sanders, Beeville, Texas.
Claybron Deering, Drumright, Okla.
Lawrence Duncan, Sabetha, Kansas.
W. A. Evans, Calvary, Okemah, Okla.
C. A. Baskin, Clifton, Texas.
J. Luther Gaines, Calvary, Tuscumbia, Ala.A. L. Strozier, Daleville, Ala.
A. C. Harrison, Pendleton, S. C.
A. W. Rich, Fifth, Rome, Ga.
Cecil Watson, Mayview, Kansas City, Mo.

Thomas J. Tichenor, Ormsby Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Fayette L. Hall, Rector, Ark.
Hal Gallop, Rehobeth, Moorefield, Ark.
King I. Evans, New Providence, Guyton, Ga.H. B. Shepherd, Georgiana, Ala.
Lacy Freeman, Council, Stanton, Va.
Austin Turner, Social Circle, Ga.

Dr. S. H. Jones, president, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri.

Resigned

John F. Brantley, Lumberton, Miss.
Aubria A. Sanders, West 14th Street, Houston, Texas.Claybron Deering, Marlow, Okla.
W. A. Evans, Picher, Okla.
W. H. Wynn, Forest Avenue, Dallas, Texas.C. A. Baskin, Big Wells, Texas.
A. L. Shaw, Rochester, Texas.
J. Luther Gaines, First, Tuscumbia, Ala.

A. L. Strozier, Adamsville, Ala.

A. W. Rich, Fairmont, Richmond, Va.

J. M. Sykes, Jr., Cave Springs, Va.

J. R. Halbrook, Houston, Missouri.

Hugh A. Trotter, Rock Port, Mo.

L. C. Kelly, Pineville, Ky.

W. T. Coston, Hartford, Ark.

King I. Evans, Tignall, Ga.

Austin Turner, Hahira, Ga.

Lacy Freeman, Bruceton, Tenn.

Sam P. White, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Dr. S. H. Jones, First, Brookhaven, Miss.

W. D. Hurst, Temple, Kansas City, Mo.

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OUR OBLIGATION TO ENDOW BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Excerpts From Remarks Made by Dr.
P. I. Lipsey at Mississippi W. M. U.
Convention, April 7, 1943

We owe it to our whole denominational program and every interest which it represents to endow Blue Mountain College. This assembly of women is here today because of the intense interest of our people in the advancement of every department of our work, missionary, benevolent, and educational. The contribution of our women to these causes constitutes the greatest advancement made in the last quarter century, and it still grows at a marvelous pace. This convention itself is a spiritual and missionary force second to none.

And when I look around to see who constitute the leaders in this movement, I am immediately struck with the fact that those who constitute the leadership here are for the most part the products of Christian educational institutions. Your executive secretary, your recording secretary, your vice-president, your young people's leader, a large part of your official and unofficial workers, your president-elect, are from our Baptist schools, and Blue Mountain College furnishes the larger part of them.

The probabilities are that if they had not attended these Christian schools they would never have been in this religious work. And without the training secured in these schools, they would not have known how to do the work even if they had undertaken it. I looked at your program and listened to the women who have spoken to you about the work in every part of the world, and I find that they are the product of these same Baptist schools. This is not an accident, but the result of the work of the men and women who operated these schools or made them possible. If this is true of the past, we know that our hope of leadership and enlargement lies in the maintenance of these schools at their highest efficiency. As the world advances, and every department of the Lord's work advances, we cannot afford to let these sources of leadership in all the work lag behind.

Again we owe it to Blue Mountain College to complete this endowment. If service to the denomination by any one of its agencies entails an obligation, certainly the endowment of Blue Mountain is a debt on all of us who love the Lord and His work. Its past record justifies us in making this one of our prime obligations. There is no finer service done to the nation or to the world than that of making a Christian home. In this Blue Mountain has specialized for nearly three-quarters of a century. From these homes have gone as fine a group of men and women as ever formed the foundations of society or were pillars in the temple.

For many years Blue Mountain College has furnished a larger quota of young women for the W. M. U. Training School than any other school. It has also furnished many workers for the Sunday School Board in Nashville. And if you will look at the roster of teachers in the Sunday Schools and in all other schools, you will find a golden chain with a thousand links. This Christian institution is like the vision which Ezekiel saw of the stream coming from under

MIRACLE?

It seems to me that we who profess to believe in a God, the God who created the world and can still perform miracles are so cluttered up with the material things of this world that we fail to take note of the wonders that God does perform right before our eyes and in our ears.

This past week the peoples of the world turned on their radios and heard the astounding news from many commentators and read in many papers that the Germans had surrendered in Tunisia. . . . One commentator said that when an American officer told his men to make the best arrangements possible for the German prisoners, that a German officer told him that it "had better be good for when they captured the world that they would remember it." Hitler had ordered them to fight to the last man. Their generals were with them, which showed that they

the threshold of the temple, which grew wider and deeper, in which was found an abundance of life, and on whose banks the verdant growth of every kind of fruit greeted your vision.

Blue Mountain College not only has a glorious past, it is today a living, going, growing concern. It will not suffer by comparison with any institution we have. It is the law of nature and the law of God that "To him that hath shall be given." That is, if a person or an institution is making good you can afford to put your money into it, to perpetuate and enlarge its ministry. If you wish to invest in something which is already making good, this is your opportunity. This is no experiment; it is an act of faith based upon successful experience.

Again we owe it to the girls of Mississippi to endow the College. This is at present our only school for girls alone, operated by Baptists in Mississippi. Many of our people desire a school for girls alone. We do not here and now propose to enter into any argument as to the question of co-education. We express no opinion as to its merits or demerits. We only say that many of our people do not wish to send to a co-educational institution. Their rights in this matter must be regarded. We can do this by preserving and amply endowing Blue Mountain College.

We have no right to appeal simply to Baptist loyalty or preference or prejudice to induce them to send to a school which will not meet their needs. I believe in Baptist principles and loyal adherence to them. They are worth more than some other things that commonly go with education. But we do not have to sacrifice any good thing in education in order to be loyal to our Baptist convictions or institutions. Baptists are well able to provide the best in education for our girls, and we owe it to them to do so. Under present conditions the best in education cannot be provided without endowment, which makes the life of their school secure, and its curriculum and teaching force ample. If we wish our girls to go to our Baptist schools, we must see to it that they are in position to give the girls what is needed. There is needed today a little over \$100,000 to complete the present endowment effort. It ought to be raised in thirty days.

NEW NAMES ADDED TO HONOR ROLL

The churches listed below have agreed to contribute to the Now Club (or other object of their choice) the amount they would have given to pay their pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The same is true of individuals listed below:

Duck Hill Baptist Church.
Highland church, Meridian
First church, New Albany.
Newton Baptist Church.
Brookhaven church.
Northside church, Jackson
Mt. Oral, Jones county.
Davis Memorial, Jackson.
Utica Baptist Church.
Okolona.
Sharon, Jones county.
Flora Baptist Church.
Sallis Baptist Church.
Galilee-Gloster.
A. L. Goodrith.
D. A. McCall.
E. C. Williams.
A. J. Wilds.
Fannie Traylor.
Edwina Robinson.
M. E. Perry.
Bryan Simmons.
J. R. G. Hewlett
Carolyn Madison.

—BR—

One of the greatest testimonies to the worth of Christian colleges has come from China. Although only one percent of the people are Christian, the nation is being led by Christian men or by men who received their training in Christian schools. According to a recent report one of every six listed in their Who's Who in China is a Christian and one-half of them were educated in Christian schools. If you want your child to have a better chance to succeed send him (or her) to one of your Baptist colleges.—Western Recorder.

did mean to fight it out and yet 175,000 men and officers surrendered gladly. It has been described as amazing, as astounding, as unbelievable and many other adjectives, but at no place have I seen or heard God given any credit for the victory. Today, I began to hear the announcers telling of what a great victory the Americans had won. I am sure the British are telling their people what a great victory the English Army has won. . . . Everyone admitted when it happened that the armies did not win it; that the Germans came running to surrender, with loaded rifles and plenty of ammunition.

It seems to me that someone should call attention to the fact that only GOD could have won the victory. As He gave Gideon the victory, as He turned the Germans back before Paris when no army faced them and allowed the British Army to get out without a Dunkirk in the last war; so this week the great God again answered the prayers of His people, and confused the minds of the Germans and put fear into their hearts so that they were surrendering, and yet felt that they were going to win the war. Only God could have done this and I think we should give Him the glory and the praise. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW. Thank Him for saving the lives of thousands of our boys who would have been killed had the Germans fought the battle to the bitter end.—J. A. Thigpen, Shaw, Miss.

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. ("Feast of weeks"): "Pentecost," a Jewish feast, in the Greek translation means "fifty," being observed on the 50th day, or seven weeks from the Passover, "the feast of weeks" ending the barley harvest.

2. (King's alliance): Hoshea, Hebrew king, about 722 B. C. Defaulting in payment to the Assyrians, Shalmaneser, the king, ordered a three year siege, Hoshea himself being captured and put in prison.

3. (Joseph sold for 20 shekels): The silver shekel was worth about 75 cents, hence, 20 shekels would bring the amount up to \$15.

4. (General Jackson's interpretation): "I have so fixed 'Pray without ceasing' in my mind that I never raise a glass of water to my lips without lifting my heart to God in prayerful thanks for the water of life. With every meal, I say a prayer of thankful grace, and even when I drop a letter in the postoffice, I send a prayer along with it, asking God's blessing on its mission, and on the person to whom it is being sent."

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THE 1936 GOVERNMENT CENSUS UNTRUSTWORTHY

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articles, trying to stop the circulation of these false statistics; but the misrepresentations they contain travel faster and further than I can go.

In the meantime I have written the Lutheran editor as follows:

May 13, 1943.

Editor, The Ansgar Lutheran
Blair, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Editor:

My attention has been called to your issue of April 19, 1943, in which you quote certain church statistics recently presented by Dr. Martin Schroeder in "The Lutheran."

I am sure that you do not wish to be misled nor to give out a wholesale misrepresentation of the church situation in the United States. And yet, by making use of the so-called 1936 Census of Religious Bodies, that is precisely what is done in your article entitled, "Is the Church Losing Ground?"

Now, let me make a statement which you can readily verify: Take any one of the twelve main denominations listed by you as having sustained serious losses in the 1936 government census and write them for a 1937 yearbook and you will quickly see how great was the misrepresentation of these denominations. I have in my office, for example, the yearbooks of all these denominations for 1937, except the Churches of Christ, which do not publish a yearbook. In fact, I have all the yearbooks of all denominations which publish such since I came here to be the statistician of Southern Baptists in 1920.

Now here is what happened: The Bureau of the Census' director published the Roman Catholic statistics, the Lutheran statistics, and the statistics of several of the small sects, just as these data were reported to them by some responsible officials. But for all Baptists (white and colored), Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Churches of Christ, they refused to accept anything but reports returned from individual congregations. Then, in the face of my warning, they attached a threat of punishment to each schedule sent to the pastors of these churches. When the pastors received these threats, they wrote the bureau and told them flatly that they would not return the schedules under such a threat and challenged the bureau of the census to arrest them. In the meantime, I sent a copy of the 1937 Southern Baptist Handbook to the census office; also offered them all my published minutes. These were all rejected (see my last letters to the bureau about this, attached hereto).

The result is what? The 1936 Census of Religious Bodies omits one-third of all Negro Baptists and white Baptists; one-third of the Disciples of Christ and the Churches of Christ; between 20 per cent and 25 per cent of all Methodist and Presbyterian bodies and some 10 per cent to 15 per cent of the other churches you mention. Well; read my letters, published openly in the Southern Baptist Handbook for 1940, and you will see how I did not fail to warn them.

As a matter of fact, if you will look on page 114, Volume II Part I of the 1936 government census, you will see that they acknowledged that our statistics were only a partial report. But

DR. WHITE ACCEPTS POSITION WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

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lege, and Baylor University; his seminary training in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds earned degrees of A.B., Th.M., and Th.D., with the honorary degree of D.D. conferred by two institutions. Yet in his association with the learned and unlearned, rich and poor, his life is characterized by genuine and unaffected simplicity, sincerity and sympathy. Big in heart, as in body and mind, he is receptive to the appeal of human needs wherever and however expressed.

As a preacher he has apostolic fervor, zeal and wisdom. With heaven-given compassion, he proclaims the gospel in such a fashion as to win the lost to the Saviour, and to comfort and strengthen the saved. He is both a teacher and a preacher.

He has the world missionary spirit to a high degree. He was for several years professor of missions in the Southwestern Seminary. He was one of a small group of missionary leaders chosen a few years ago to visit China and make a careful study of the tremendous missionary needs of that mighty land—a program which was interrupted by the attack made on China by Japan.

His scholarship and doctrinal soundness are unquestioned. He is true to the doctrines of faith cherished by our fathers, with never any apology for his devotion to the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Yet he is able to state these eternal truths in such a way as to catch the atten-

tion and grip the hearts of all who hear or read his message. One volume of sermons preached to his congregation in Oklahoma City was translated into Portuguese and is being used in Brazil.

He is popular with young and old alike and would truly and effectively represent the spirit, purpose, and program of the Sunday School Board. We may add that he believes in the translation of a dynamic faith into worthy deeds. He believes in the application of the gospel to every area of human life and interest. With him the supreme thing is to know and do the will of God in all personal, social, civic, industrial, educational and spiritual relationships. For years he has been the unrelenting foe of the liquor traffic, and while pastor in Oklahoma he was chairman of the United Drys which, more than any other organization, helped to keep the legalized liquor traffic out of that state. Dr. White is president of the Texas Baptist General Convention, and is active in all denominational affairs.

Meantime, I have had to write scores of letters and articles in the effort to head off these deliberate misrepresentations which the Bureau of the Census published to the world. Just let that bureau ever make another such move. It will not only get a congressional investigation; it will get a court action.

Cordially yours,
(Signed)

E. P. ALLDREDGE,

Secretary Survey,
Statistics and Information.

P. S. Please be good enough to pass on this letter to Dr. Schroeder.

DR. HILL GIVES HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION YEAR

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has been wiped out. Ten years ago this debt amounted to \$1,625,643.56. The income of the Board for the year 1942 was \$2,117,672.26, an increase of \$689,032.57 over 1941. This Board purposes to live within its income for the future and to anticipate by reserve funds the emergencies that may naturally arise.

The Board has a total of 467 active missionaries and 78 emeritus missionaries. Of this number 264 are at present on the foreign fields. It is interesting to note that since the war began five years ago in China, Southern Baptists have given through this Board for world war relief \$902,802.66. All possible plans are being made for most aggressive work in connection with post-war opportunities and problems.

Home Mission Board

This Board with headquarters in Atlanta has performed almost the impossible in the payment of its very heavy debt. In 1928 this Board all but fell under a crushing debt of 2½ million; one year ago the debt was about one-half million; last night the Executive Secretary announced that the Board was free of debt. This achievement is without parallel in denominational integrity. The Board has in all fields of its work 435 missionaries. During the past year 13 missionaries have been added to the force, 43 mission stations have been opened, 6 new churches have been constituted, and 15,928 people have been won to Christ. The work of this Board, of course, is confined to services within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention among the Indians, foreigners and Negroes, and to this Board is also entrusted the mission work in Cuba and all work among our service men in the various camps.

Sunday School Board

The Sunday School Board serves every interest of Southern Baptists. It is their publication agency and it promotes the organization of Sunday schools and Training Unions and supplies the literature for their operation. It reinforces substantially all of the missionary and benevolent

work of the Convention. Its receipts from all sources amounted to \$3,024,357.95, an increase of \$365,540.31 over 1941. Contributions from earnings to denominational causes this past year amounted to \$576,719.31. This Board reports 24,745 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 3,430,929, a gain of 116 schools; the Training Union reports 50,727 units with an enrollment of 801,567, and 7,112 Vacation Bible schools were held. The Board publishes 77 periodicals with a total circulation in 1942 of 21,349,360.

Relief and Annuity Board

This youngest agency of the Convention with headquarters in Dallas has made notable progress in the direction of worthy and dependable provisions for ministers, missionaries and other denominational employees after they have been rendered incapable of continued active service, due to advanced age or early physical incapacity.

Woman's Missionary Union

Because of its dynamic missionary emphasis this Union deserves particular mention in connection with even a brief statement of facts concerning the work of the Convention. As the name indicates this is an organization of women of Southern Baptists, devoted entirely to missionary study and service. There are now 12,845 missionary societies with a membership of 404,144, and 27,627 graded organizations with a membership of 344,321 young people. Last year 3,130 new W. M. U. organizations came into being. The truly grand total of \$3,791,755.05 is a 15.07% gain over last year amounting to \$505,503.34. . . .

Since it is not generally known that Southern Baptists lead the world in the matter of theological training and educational preparation for special Christian service, it is not out of order to call attention to our south-wide seminaries.

The oldest of these is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, with an enrollment of 528 men, the largest theological seminary in the world.

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, has a present enrollment of 734 (men and women).

The Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, has enrolled 240 students and has the distinction of having at the present time possibly the youngest theological seminary president in the country.

In the Southern Baptist Convention territory there are 918 district associations, 25,737 churches, and 5,367,129 members. The baptisms for the past year were 209,127, which is a loss of 466. There were 21,986 ordained ministers, a loss of 761 over the past year. The Sunday school enrollment of 3,430,929 shows a loss of 122,538. The Training Union shows a loss in enrollment of 152,612. These losses are accounted for in the main by the large numbers who have gone into military service. The value of church property held by Southern Baptists is \$240,131,184, a gain of \$7,186,869.

(The above excerpts were taken from the radio address.)

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